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Battle Of Germany Begins; Four U. S. Armies In France

WASHINGTON — "The battle of Germany is about to begin," Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, said, in warning the people of the Rhineland.

Yank forces are now on a 90-mile front, attacking at three points, Aachen, Chevaux and Trier. Aachen is 325 air miles from Berlin and about 40 miles from Cologne.

While the German resistance has stiffened at the west wall it is not as serious as was anticipated. This is taken in some quarters as an indication that the Nazis plan to fall

back to the Rhine defenses for a final stand.

The British are well through Holland, bound for the German West Wall, on the shortest route to Berlin.

Armies Join

The American armies of General Patch, coming up from southern France, and General Patton, joined near Dijon, France, on Monday.

With the announcement on Wednesday that the U. S. Ninth Army, under Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, is now in France, it was revealed that four full American armies, two more than Gen. John J. Pershing had on the Western front in the last days of World War I, and more troops than the United States has ever before had on any foreign continent, are now in France.

The port of Le Havre has been taken and fierce battles are under way for Brest, Calais, Boulogne and Dunkerque, where pockets of Germans have continued to hold on. 8,000 prisoners surrendered in Le Havre.

During the week Allied air force has been used in intensified and re-

peated attacks, mainly on the area immediately ahead of the invasion forces. Between Tuesday midnight and Wednesday evening formations of 5,000 to 6,000 Allied planes made the greatest concentrated air attack in history, dropping 10,000 tons of bombs between the Siegfried line and Berlin. The German Luftwaffe finally put up a desperate defense, attacking the invading Allied planes in force on at least two occasions, but were overwhelmed and suffered a loss of at least 350 planes in the two days.

In Italy 20,000 trapped Germans are being ground to bits between the American 7th and 3rd Armies in (See "BATTLE," Page 17)



—Signal Corps Photo

COOKING dinner on a GI stove under the World War I memorial near Verdun, France, are (left to right): Pfc. Ralph G. Sassase, of Brooklyn; Cpl. George Obsheatz, of Pittsburgh; Cpl. John Palmisano, of Utica, N. Y.; Pfc. Everet Haegle, of Alton, Ill., and Pfc. Thomas Rowan, of Chicago.

Pooch 'Fala' Under Guard To Save Hide

You've heard of the unemotional attitude of soldiers and sailors on the occasion of the Commander-in-Chief's official visit to the Hawaiian Islands. But there was some excitement. A sailor started it when he plucked a hair from "Mr. Fala of the White House." Immediately, scores of others came forward with the same idea, and it was necessary to place the Scotty pooch under guard else he would have looked like a Mexican Hairless.

At last, it's been revealed that these Government dollar-a-year men are subject to payroll deductions and are not credited with time-and-a-half for overtime. After working for nine months as a pulpwood consultant with the Atlanta, Ga., regional office of the War Production Board, Frank Heyward received a 64-cent check from the U. S. Treasury Department. (See "POOCH," Page 17)

Winnie Concerned Over GIs' Leaves

QUEBEC—A troopship carrying American soldiers home was held up several days in England waiting for Premier Churchill, who traveled on it to the conference here, it was revealed by a spokesman of the British party.

Mr. Churchill was concerned that his plans had interfered with the return of the men and personally communicated with President Roosevelt asking that they be compensated for the loss of several days of their leave which was accountable to him. He was assured that adjustment would be made of the soldiers' leaves.

Army Casualties Total 327,616

WASHINGTON — Total United States Army casualties in all theatres as reported by Secretary of War Stimson through August 29 are as follows:

Killed	62,357
Wounded	172,042
Prisoners	48,181
Missing	45,036

Total 327,616
Of the wounded, 72,542 have been returned to duty.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Nazi Blow Up By October 31 Is Prediction

WASHINGTON—With armed services here warning that collapse of organized resistance in Germany "may come soon," and London reports stating that Oct. 31 is regarded as the "outside date" for war's end in Europe, Administration circles are now bending all efforts to rush through reconversion plans.

With V-E (Victory in Europe) Day expected in little more than six weeks, Paul V. McNutt, WMC chief, started the ball rolling with announcement that smaller plants can enter into civilian production without WMC approval providing they do not increase their total force of workers. He also okayed private industry assigning their planning engineers and technicians to the blueprinting of their own reconversion plans.

J. A. Krug, acting chairman of WPB, stated his organization was working on reconversion plans sufficiently flexible so that the "green light" could be given in event of termination of war Oct. 1, Oct. 14, Oct. 31 or "any other imminent date." Other agencies are working on "limited reconversion" even though Nazi resistance should continue throughout the winter.

General Officers On Duty in Army Now Total 1,300

WASHINGTON—The Army had 1,300 general officers on active duty on Sept. 1, the War Department reports.

Of these 1,185 were Regular Army officers, 78 were National Guard officers, 25 were Reserve officers, and 14 were commissioned from civilian life.

The Army had six full generals on active duty on Sept. 1—General George C. Marshall, General Malin Craig, General Douglas MacArthur, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, General H. H. Arnold and General Joseph W. Stilwell.

Lieutenant generals on September 1 totaled 34; major generals 343; and brigadier generals 917.

Longer Job Option For Veterans Sought By Selective Service

WASHINGTON — Increased time after discharge for a veteran to apply for his old job is being sought by Selective Service, Lt. Col. Francis V. Keesling, Jr., told a House Military Affairs subcommittee Tuesday.

Selective Service has requested the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to consider legislation which would allow veterans 90 days after discharge to apply through the Selective Service for their former jobs. The present law allows 40 days.

Another change sought would allow a hospitalized veteran 90 days after his hospital discharge to apply for his job, up until the time he has been in the hospital a full year.

Job Seniority

Selective Service holds that returning veterans would have the same job seniority as if they had remained at their work. According to Selective Service interpretation of the law if a veteran left an open shop and returned to find it closed, he would have his job back without joining the union. Both these provisions have been challenged by some branches of labor and may be settled in court.

Selective Service is also consider-

ing a proposal by Representative Ellison, of Maryland, that veterans who seek new jobs be freed of all War Manpower Commission restrictions.

Wins Case

In one of the first test cases the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third District, seated in Philadelphia, upheld the amendment of the Selective Service Act which requires employers to reinstate returned veterans to their jobs.

The unanimous decision orders the General Cable Corporation at Perth Amboy, N. J., to reinstate Dr. Albert E. Kay, former Army doctor, as the company's medical director.

Dr. Kay enlisted December, 1942,

and attained the rank of Captain before he was discharged for physical disability.

The company refused to rehire him, claiming that he was an independent contractor rather than an employee. It also contended that since an employees' health association for which Dr. Kay had been medical examiner had engaged another physician and refused to take Dr. Kay back, it would be more beneficial to the employees if the same doctor was the medical director for both groups.

"In Employ . . ."

The court ruled that the law does not say a returned veteran must be (See "JOB OPTION," Page 17)

Permanent Promotion For General Bradley

WASHINGTON — In recognition of his outstanding accomplishments on the battlefields of Northern France, the nomination of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, U. S. Army, Commanding General of the Twelfth Army Group in France, for promotion from his permanent grade of brigadier general to major has been sent by the President to the Senate, the War Department announced.

The recommendation for the promotion was made by the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War.

General Bradley was born in Clark, Mo., February 12, 1893, and was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., on June 12, 1915. He completed the course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in July, 1929, and was graduated from the Army War College, Washington, D. C., in June, 1934. In 1939, he served as Assistant Secretary of the War Department General Staff.

General Bradley was assigned to the European Theater of Operations in September, 1943, and last January, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, announced his appointment as commander of American ground troops in that theater.

General Bradley was promoted to the temporary grade of major general February 15, 1942, and to temporary lieutenant general June 2, 1943. In June, 1943, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the DSM this year.

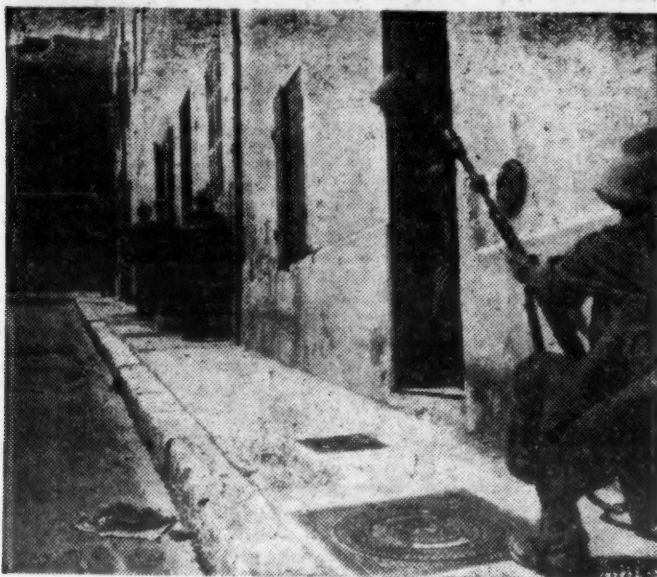
Other nominations sent to the

Senate by the President were Maj. Gens. Thomas T. Handy, chief of operations, War Department general staff; Lucian K. Truscott Jr., commanding the Sixth Corps in southern France, and Daniel I. Sultan, deputy commanding general, China-Burma-India theatre forces, to be temporary lieutenant generals.

The brigadier generals named for temporary promotion to major generals were Frank D. Merrill, leader of "Merrill's Marauders," now in this country for a rest; Joseph W. Byron, director of the Army's Special Service Division, and Edwin D. Patrick, Norman D. Cota, Eugene W. Fales, Robert W. Douglass, Francis B. Mallon, Gilbert X. Cheves, Cyrus R. Smith and Maurice Rose.

Colonels nominated for temporary promotion to Brigadier General included:

Henry J. D. Meyer, Truman E. Boudinot, Wayne C. Zimmerman, Philip G. Blackmore, Franklin Babcock, Thomas W. Herren, George R. Acheson, Cuthbert P. Stearns, William J. Williamson, Kenner F. Hertford, William S. Lawton, Willard A. Holbrook, Charles B. Lyman, Hugo P. Rush, William R. C. Morrison, Charles C. Brown, Harlan L. Mumma, Tom C. Rives, Frederick S. Strong Jr., Don E. Carleton, Joseph S. Bradley, Paul W. Johnston, Charles M. Spofford, Henry D. Jay, David N. Hauseman, Fay R. Upthegrove, Richard C. Lindsay, Elmer F. Walender, John P. Willey, Junius E. Houghton, Joseph T. Morris, John S. Allard, Hamilton E. Maguire, Henry J. Matchett, Wayne B. Allen and Murton M. Hovey Jr.



—Signal Corps Photo

FRENCH soldiers are storming the heights in street fighting where the Basique de la Notre Dame de la Garde stands. Note soldier in foreground with rifle grenade thrower.

37th Division Proud Of Its 'Fighting Chaplains'

WITH THE 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION Southwest Pacific Area—This Division, whose enviable combat record is firmly established, regards its corps of "fighting chaplains" as a big factor in success against Japs over a two-year period in the Pacific battle zone. A record of 12 decorations bestowed on the chaplains of the Division—which possibly makes the most decorated staff of chaplains in any division—is evidence of the soundness of this

view of their importance in the Division's life.

Not in comfortable rear-area chapels, but in front-line foxholes, these men of God have taught their best lessons of courage, greatness of heart and self-sacrifice. When Gen. Robert S. Beightler took his division into New Georgia and Bougainville, no one could ever find a chaplain back in the rear echelon.

The dozen decorations include one Silver Star, six Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Sacrificed Life

Heading the honor roll is Chaplain Thomas T. Brady, of Chicago. Chaplain Brady died of wounds received in action on New Georgia. He left his foxhole in the midst of a violent artillery barrage to crawl over 10 yards of open ground to a wounded soldier. He received his own wound while administering first aid to the soldier he had gone to aid.

"Thus," reads the citation for the posthumously awarded Silver Star, "he sacrificed his own life to bring comfort to a wounded man, and by his exemplary behavior under fire helped immeasurably to raise and sustain the morale of his men."

So it was with Chaplain Emmitt T. Carroll, of Stanford, Ky., whose big canvas bag, bulging with cigarettes and writing paper was always a sure identification, even when he was crawling from foxhole to foxhole, bringing comfort to wounded soldiers. Chaplain Joel Wareing, of Toledo, was, according to his citation, "Always at the forward echelon of a regimental command post or aid station," where he doubled as a chaplain and an aid man.

Some Watermelon

CAMP CROWDER, Mo. — Pvt. Charles T. Wallace played host to the men of his company at a watermelon party the other night, and used only one melon to feed the mob. Yet everyone got his fill. The melon was a 98-pounder that Wallace's folks had raised down on their Arkansas farm and had shipped up to him. The huge piece of fruit measured 31 inches in length and 19 inches through.

Want Your Wife to Work? New Booklets Aid Discussion

WASHINGTON — Wider adoption of discussion groups in off-duty hours at Army camps will soon be made possible through distribution of GI Roundtable booklets explaining how to organize such groups and furnishing reference material on subjects of interest to the American soldiers, the War Department announced today.

Pamphlet subjects range from "Do You Want Your Wife to Work After The War?" and "Shall I go Back To School?" to more general problems like "What Shall Be Done With The War Criminals?" and "What Has Alaska to Offer Postwar Pioneers?" Some 50-odd pamphlets are now planned for the series.

Discussion groups are not new to the Army. They have existed at a number of camps in various forms, but have been organized on the initiative of local commands. The Roundtable series is expected to provide valuable material and guidance to those already in existence and to stimulate formation of many new groups.

400 Kits

Until recently the War Department undertook to help discussion groups by distributing a kit containing material published by public and private organizations. By April, 1944, nearly 400 kits had been distributed. These are now to be replaced by the new series.

Objectives of the discussion groups, as stated in the authorizing directive, are to strengthen morale by assisting men to recognize, analyze and understand problems about which they feel concern; furnish back-

ground facts which will allow intelligent consideration of such problems; and offer men opportunity for orderly exchange and adjustment of individual opinions on these problems.

A soldier whose thinking is burdened with unsolved questions and who has no opportunity to work out his perplexities is a soldier mentally hamstrung and therefore hindered in the execution of his military duties. A soldier able to thrash out his difficulties in give-and-take discussions with his fellow GIs will be able to clarify his thoughts and attain greater efficiency and a higher morale.

The basic manual of the Roundtable series is the "Guide for Discussion Leaders," which outlines procedures for organizing and conducting suitable groups. Each of the other pamphlets in the series contains objectively presented material on a subject of personal, community, national or international importance. This material is supplemented by practical suggestions, a bibliography and questions for the use of discussion leaders.

Groups are conducted in off-duty hours. Attendance is voluntary. Topics are by no means limited to

those selected by the War Department. Any problem of interest to group participants may be debated, provided that it has the approval of Commanding Officers concerned.

Illustrated

Although containing factual information, the booklets are not the text-book variety. They are written in interesting and lively style and are illustrated by leading popular cartoonists and artists.

Topics for the booklets are selected by the Information and Education Division, Army Service Forces. The booklets are prepared under the auspices of the American Historical Association. This body, through a special editorial staff known as the Historical Service Board and made up of civilian experts in economy, history, political economy and sociology, in turn assigns the writing of the booklets to writers qualified on the selected subjects. The finished manuscripts must be acceptable both to the War Department and the Historical Service Board. Director of the Board is Dr. Theodore C. Blegen, Dean of the Graduate School, University of Minnesota. Board members are: Shepherd B. Clough, Economic Historian at Columbia University; Robert E. Cushman, political scientist at Cornell University; Guy Stanton Ford, Executive Secretary, American Historical Association; Dixon Ryan Fox, President, Union College, Schenectady, New York; Waldo G. Leland, American Council of Learned Societies; Edwin G. Nourse, economist, Brookings Institute; J. Salwyn Shapiro, European historian, College of the City of New York; Arthur M. Schlesinger, historian, Harvard University; Robert E. Wilson, political scientist, Duke University; and Donald Young, sociologist, Social Science Research Council.

The GI Roundtable pamphlets, which will conform to the Federal Voting Law, will be distributed at an average rate of about three a month.

Very Much Alive, Reads Own 'Obit'

WITH THE 36TH DIVISION, France—Sgt. Elton Friar picked up a newspaper and suddenly found himself reading a notice in the obituary column to the effect that "Sergeant Elton Friar, of Bonham, Tex., was killed in action while fighting on the Italian front."

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WITH THE 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—High on a jungle ridge overlooking a green tropical bay two husky young American Infantrymen, both veterans of two campaigns against the Japanese, sat in silence behind a heavy machine-gun.

One was scribbling slowly in a battered notebook. Suddenly he looked up from his work and announced triumphantly:

"Now I've got it! You square the lines A-B and B-C, add them up, get the square root of the total, then ... " and he proceeded to explain his solution.

It wasn't firing data. And it wasn't double-talk. It was a problem in geometry, worked out with as much care and interest as if the wet jungle earth upon which the soldier was seated had been a chair in a formal classroom. Less than three months ago he had crouched in an

emplacement on this same ridge, pouring bullets at hordes of fanatically-attacking Japanese.

He was only one of hundreds of front-line troops in the veteran 37th Infantry Division who, between battles, are taking correspondence courses in everything from Diesel engines to philosophy.

'Foxhole University'

The courses are provided by the Army Institute or University Extension plans, and co-ordinated by special service and education officers throughout the division. Some of the battle-hardened doughboys kiddingly refer to the setup as "Fox-

hole University." But their serious interest in preparing themselves for a better future after the war is evidenced in figures taken from a recent survey conducted by Lt. Ralfe (cx) Isham, New York City, one of the division's special service officers.

Approximately one of every 10 Infantrymen in the division, according to the survey, is now studying a correspondence course. This represents a 75 per cent increase in enrollment in the last two and a half months—a rise attributed partially to the fact that the Japs on this island have been relatively quiet since their bloody counterattack in March was decisively beaten back by the American Infantry.

The 12 top courses, in order of their popularity, are:

Bookkeeping and accounting, algebra, arithmetic, Diesel engines, radio, refrigeration, grammar, auto repair, machine shop practice, aviation engines, geometry and air conditioning.

The announced objective of most of the men taking the courses is to prepare themselves for more useful and profitable jobs after their return to civilian life.

Chaplain Speedy In Wooing Job

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Before a Sunday service in his chapel six weeks ago, 2nd Lt. Lester E. Hedemann, a 20th Armored Division chaplain, met 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Miller, station hospital nurse.

Three weeks ago, he proposed. And last week, they were wed.



CATCHY but effective are the signs along the Ledo Road, C-B-I theater, telling GI truck drivers to slow down on crooked highways.

Gets Travelogue By Joining Army

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — After taking him thousands of miles from home for training and for months of service in Alaska, the fortunes of war have returned Cpl. Robert J. Batten practically to his doorstep.

Born in Starke, Fla., Batten was farming in the Kingley Lake region when he was inducted into the Army back in July, 1942. He went to Camp Roberts, Calif., for basic training and then served as a cook with an Infantry outfit in Alaska.

Coming back to the States in June, he is now awaiting assignment as a cook in Camp Blanding's Infantry Replacement Training Center here.

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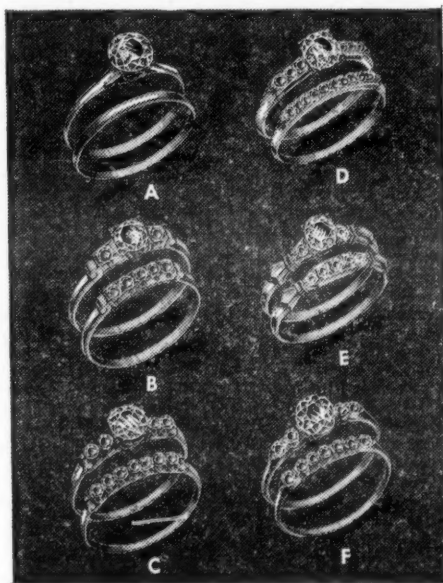
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Recognition for each additional six months' service justifying award of the original plaque will be in the form of gold stars. Only one plaque

will be awarded to any one organization.

The plaque is a dark mahogany shield, 14 inches high, upon which will appear a green laurel wreath, with the word "Service" above and the words "Award of Merit" below in gold-colored letters.

Military personnel of organizations receiving the award will be entitled to wear an appropriate sleeve insignia as long as they are attached or assigned to the recognized unit. The sleeve insignia consists of a 2-inch square of olive-drab, bearing a golden yellow laurel wreath 1½ inches in diameter, and will be worn centered four inches above the end of the right sleeve.



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The Smiths' Argument for a Merger!

If a concluding argument is needed for an Army-Navy merger the Smiths have provided it. Their differences over military tactics have proven embarrassing to both the Army and the Marine Corps. Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith of the Marine Corps and Maj. Gen. Ralph Smith of the Army were given the job of taking Saipan. As it was a Marine show General Ralph Smith's men were instructed to follow the Marine tactics of pushing ahead as fast and far as possible, by-passing strong points.

The Army men were not trained in these tactics. They had learned the Army doctrine, which was successful on the beachheads of France, to get a foothold, wait for artillery and mortar support and then advance after a barrage.

The Marine forces charged ahead on both flanks with the Army trailing behind. The Generals Smiths had words. The words became even more bitter when the Japs cut back through the center and hit the Marines. Marine reserves were brought up and the Marine's General Smith told the Army's General Smith to take his men back to Pearl Harbor for guard duty.

It is unfortunate. The "From the Halls of . . ." boys will be telling the world how they fought rings around the soldiers. But, if it had been an Army show, the story probably would have been just opposite, and the Marines would have been invited to do the guard duty.

In a world-wide war various tactics and strategies are necessary. But, if there had been a unified command on the top, two units trained in two different types of offensive warfare would not have been asked to do a job as one unit.

This embarrassing situation should never have arisen. The time and lives lost while the bungling was going on provides all the evidence needed as to why an Army-Navy merger is necessary in the immediate future.

They Are Making It Tough!

Some veterans leaving the Army have evidently listened to too many latrinoigrams. They are convinced that \$100-a-week jobs are dime-a-dozen and that everyone out of uniform is lousy with cash.

A few of these fellows have turned up their noses at the jobs offered them. When they failed to find a pot of gold at the end of every want ad they became discouraged and griped. The old line about "everyone abuses a soldier" has been revived.

It is apparent that this group is but a small minority. But, unfortunately, Americans make a habit of classing people into one great group, and so, because one veteran is a civilian gold-brick they think all soldiers are civilian gold-bricks.

In the great demobilization which will start after V-E day discharged soldiers will probably bump into potential employers, who will shy away from hiring them because some ne'er-do-well had a world-owes-me-a-living philosophy. It makes it tough for every good hard-working Joe but it is a situation which must be faced.

Padre's Prayer for 'Fire From Heaven' Gets Results in Burma

SPECIAL BRITISH FORCE H. Q. BURMA—Cameronians serving with General Lentaigne's Special Force in North and Central Burma have a high opinion of their padre. They have good reason, for he once saved the situation when they were in a tight corner, by invoking "fire from heaven." At least, that is how the men described it to a Special Force Officer Observer.

The Padre is Capt. (the Rev.) Thomas Hawthorn, of Coalburne, Lanarks, and he was right forward with the Cameronians when they were ordered to establish a road block and blow a bridge in the rear of the Japs. A platoon went forward 200 yards to carry out the order. At that time a large Jap force was believed to be five miles away and the C. O. appreciated they would not put in an appearance for about five hours as they were operating in dense jungle.

Suddenly, without warning, at least 50 Japs put in a fierce attack on the platoon. The Cameronians

were pinned to the ground and in a very sticky position when the padre came to the rescue.

Grabbing a "Walkie-talkie"—it was the first time he had been seen to use one—Padre Hawthorn went right forward and gave a running commentary on the action.

"The padre kept his hand on the wireless mouthpiece and no one else could get a word in" said the C.O., Lt.-Col. W. M. Henning.

But the padre went on calling down the fire and by his presence of mind and accurate observation saved the situation. The whole of the platoon who had gone to ground were able to crawl out carrying their wounded with them. Padre Hawthorn encouraged them with his shouts and not a man was lost.

In fact the position was so effectively evacuated that the Japs were not aware of it and the Cameronians watched them put in a yelling charge on the vacated area. This gave the machine guns an opportunity to deal terrible havoc amongst the Japs.

His Last Chance!



At Your Service

Q. Does the co-owner of a war bond have to be a member of the soldier's family?

A. No, the soldier may designate whom he wishes as co-owner.

Q. I have been honorably discharged and would like to continue my National Service Life Insurance. To whom should I make payment?

A. Make check or money order payable to Treasurer of the United States, and mail to Collections Subdivision, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. Give your full name, present address, insurance certificate number and Army serial number.

Q. What is the Medal of Honor awarded for?

A. The Medal of Honor is awarded in the name of Congress to each person who, while an officer, non-commissioned officer, or private, in the Army, in action involving actual conflict with an enemy, distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Q. What is meant by total disability?

A. Total disability, as referred to in the National Service Life Insurance policy, is any impairment of mind or body which continuously renders it impossible for the insured to follow any substantially gainful occupation.

Q. My husband is a prisoner of war. Will my family allowance payments continue?

A. Yes, payments will continue. Q. What rate of interest must be paid and what length of time is given to repay loans made to the veterans under the GI Bill?

A. The rate of interest is four percent and the loan must be repaid in 20 years.

(Above answers furnished by Public Relations Officer, Headquarters First Service Command.)

Q. It has been discovered that I have been living under a wrong first name, different from what's on my birth certificate. How do I go about getting it straightened out?

A. Suggest you make an affidavit and send it to the County Clerk of the county in which you were born, setting forth your date of birth, your correct first name, middle name and surname, mention that name appearing on your birth certificate should be corrected and ask that a certified copy be furnished you.

Q. I have no near relatives in this country to name as my insurance beneficiary. Can I make my insurance payable to a family which adopted

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me for the duration?

A. The fact that your relatives do not live in the United States does not bar them from being beneficiaries. You may execute a change of beneficiary form (inclosed) and mail it direct to Director of Insurance, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. A family such as you describe, which has adopted you for the duration, is not under the present law eligible as a beneficiary of National Service Life Insurance.

Q. If a man enlists for a particular branch of the service, can he be transferred to another branch of the service against his will?

A. The matter of where and how a man in active service serves is strictly within the jurisdiction of the military or naval forces. He can be transferred or placed in any organization or branch of the service where it is determined that he is best fitted to serve.

Q. I lost my discharge button. Where may I obtain another one?

A. You may purchase a new one at either a military store or at a military post. You must show a copy of your discharge papers.

Q. My son went into service in June and his wife received a check from Fort Devens within a week. I didn't get one. I did receive a check for \$37.00 in July from Office of Dependency Benefits, but why didn't I have one from Fort Devens?

A. Your son's wife received the initial payment of Family Allowance from Fort Devens and this is in order. Her application was then made effective July 1, 1944, payment due in August. As you apparently are dependent on the soldier for substantial support only—i.e., less than half of your income—the initial payment could not be made to you, but your application was effective July 1, 1944, and the payment due in July. Initial payment of Family Allowance is made only when parents, brothers or sisters are dependent upon the soldier for chief support.

Army Quiz

1. Bayonne, French port on the Bay of Biscay, now in Allied hands, is the birthplace of one of the weapons of war used at close quarters. The name should suggest what it is. Can you tell?

2. The "Water Weasel" is a new weapon used successfully by United States troops in the South Pacific. Is it—

- A. A small submarine?
- B. A new type of seaplane?
- C. An amphibious cargo-carrier?

3. The Allies this week are attacking the Siegfried Line in Germany. Do you know where the name came from?

4. In making postwar plans for private fliers the CAA has recommended that "Air Parks," "Air Harbors," and "Flight Stops" should be built adjacent to various types of communities. Can you tell what these landing places are?

5. Three Axis satellites, Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary, were all in the war news last week. Can you pair each country with one of these activities: (a) Declared war on Rumania. (b) Was already at war with Germany. (c) Declared war on Germany.

6. The British are using a previously "secret" weapon known as the "Crocodile" in conjunction with the Churchill tank. Is this—

- A. A new type of caterpillar tractor?
- B. A flame-thrower?
- C. A self-propelled heavy gun?

7. The Seventh American Army traveled approximately 300 miles in three weeks from their landing points in Southern France. Would you say this was faster or slower than the advance made by Lt. Gen. Patton's Third Army in the same period?

8. New United States armies are being formed in Europe as war activities develop. Can you arrange these subdivisions of an army from the smallest to the largest: Company, section, corps, squad, division, regiment, battalion, brigade?

9. A U. S. correspondent cabled last week: "The lights of the European capitals are shining again." Four capital cities of Europe have been freed from Axis domination since the beginning of the war. Can you name them?

10. This week the American First Army fired their first shots onto German soil near Aachen, fortress gateway to the Rhineland. Under another well-known name Aachen figured prominently in former wars and was the residence of a noted emperor. Do you know what it was? (See "Quiz Answers," page 19)

Letters

Gentlemen:

I was reading a copy of Army Times and saw a beautiful picture of Pat Starling. All the boys in my outfit can't get over how beautiful she is. We elected her our pin-up girl. I'd appreciate it very much if you would get me an autographed photo of her. Thanking you loads.

Pvt. Ernest Pellittier, Camp Pickett, Va.

(Pat Starling has graciously offered to provide Private Pellittier and any other interested Joe with an autographed photo of herself. A letter to Miss Starling, 719 S. Mariposa, Burbank, Calif., will get the pic.—Ed.)

Gentlemen:

I've been reading of the various GIs in your readers column who have claimed to have collected so many patches in so many months of years. . . but I think I can top quite a few. 339 in 4 months. I have not bought a single patch, but have swapped and traded until I got the amount that I now have. I'd like to hear from anyone who can top that in that short space of time.

Selena Sampson, Ft. Jackson, S. C.



"I'd rather cover th' gun. I won't hafta dry meself wit' an oily rag!"

Men of 34th Infantry Says Medic's Bravest in Outfit

WITH THE 34TH INFANTRY, in Italy—if you should ask the doughboys in a certain unit in the 34th Infantry Division, veterans of nearly two years of combat, to name the bravest man in their outfit, the chances are they'd point out a soldier who doesn't even carry a weapon.

He is Pvt. Harry F. Bowman, Jr., of Williamsport, Md., a "medic," a company aid man.

His comrades will tell you that Pvt. Bowman "pays no more attention to Jerry shells and bullets than you would to raindrops in a summer shower." They can and do cite instances of his fortitude.

But the incident they relish most of all, because it not only indicates the manner in which Private Bowman operates but shows, also, the

wily ruthlessness of the enemy, was described by his buddy, Sgt. Lewis F. Cannon, of Atlanta, Ga.

Treats Nazi Wounded

The episode occurred at noon on June 6 as two Infantry companies moved north along Highway 1 near Civitavecchia, Italy, under intermittently heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, encountering Nazi delaying parties, or "suicide squads."

A squad from one of the companies found a German lying near the highway, seriously wounded. A call was sent up for an aid man. Private Bowman responded. The troops went on as Bowman knelt to administer aid to the wounded Nazi.

Arising from the German's side a few moments later, Private Bowman saw another, and unwounded, Nazi rise from a hole a few feet away and aim a machine pistol at the squad of 12 doughboys who had just passed by.

Headless of the fact that he was unarmed, Private Bowman covered the ground between the Nazi and himself in two great leaps, jumped into the hole with the German, wrestled with him, and wrenched the machine pistol away from him.

Said Sergeant Cannon: "I came over a slight rise in the ground just in time to see Bowman drag the Jerry out of the hole by his neck. He had both hands around the Kraut's neck and was shaking hell out of him. I think any unarmed man that jumps into the same hole with a Jerry armed with a machine pistol, takes the weapon away from him and drags him out of the hole is a doggone good scildier."

DAV Will Train Disabled Vets As Service Officers

WASHINGTON—A new type of training program for service-disabled veterans of this war, to prepare them for the life-long job of helping their own battle-wounded comrades, has been announced by the Disabled American Veterans.

The training, sponsored jointly by the DAV and the U. S. Veterans Administration as part of the federal agency's vocational rehabilitation and education program, will start October 2.

The program will include five months of academic work at American University here, and up to 18 months of on-the-job training under the supervision of DAV national service officers now in the field.

Purpose of the course, being given at the request of the DAV, is to train selected service-disabled veterans of this war for jobs as national service officers of the Disabled American Veterans.

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Rapid Moves of Seventh Army Keep Signal Corps Men Busy

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE—The rapid movement of the American Seventh Army from the South of France is taxing the powers of Signal Corps men.

The wire-stringing crews of the Corps have been on a little-or-no-sleep basis ever since the landings. In addition they are serving as cleanup men when the main forces inadvertently bypass strong pockets of German resistance.

Most of the Signal Corps outfits have been averaging at least one move daily, some making as high as three or four or even more moves in a single day. Each move means making from 25 to 30 miles of new

connections within the division sector alone, not counting the wire-stringing required to reach back to the corps and Army headquarters.

The Signal Corps operations have not been confined to wire-stringing. On D-Day plus three Lt. Col. Jesse Thomas and Maj. George Fezzel, Third Division Signal Corps officer and his assistant, captured 14 German prisoners, including several officers, while on a routine wire reconnaissance.

Cpl. John Shumaker, a radio operator in the same company, a few days later, had to leave his set long enough to locate and capture seven Germans who were making his life miserable from a nearby building.

Awards Given at Sill

FORT SILL, Okla.—With Military honors, Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, commandant, presented M/Sgt. Calvin Lee, Sr., with the Legion of Merit and 1st Lt. Harvey E. Mack, Jr., and S/Sgt. Frank L. Huttlin with the Air Medal.

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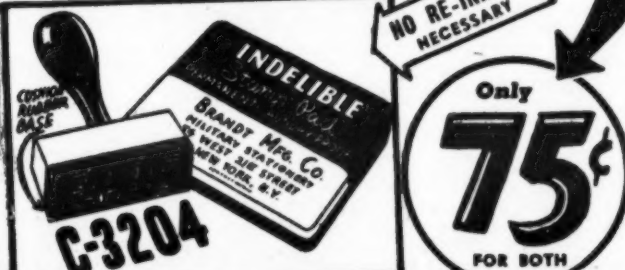
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Washington Cries Out For Young Spirited Men

By Governor Arthur B. Langlie

In the State of Washington, up in the Northwest corner of the United States, whose ports are closest to Alaska, and closer than any other American ports to China and the Far East, there are opportunities for the returning soldier which will far surpass any rewards which the Old West had to offer. It is a region which cries out for young men, with pioneering spirit and the desire to venture for accomplishment and for gain.

There is nothing closer to the hearts of Washington's people than to make provision for the 184,000 young men who have gone to war from this state, and will return soon, to take up the thread of their lives again. And there will be opportunity for thousands upon thousands of men who have been here at some time during their military training, and will want to come back in civilian garb.

Good Farm Lands

Opportunity, in the postwar period just ahead, does not consist of putting men on a plot of land. Homestead lands are virtually non-existent today in the West. There are naturally some good farm lands available, but they are limited in extent, and the men who will succeed on them are those who are especially adapted to farming, and who farmed before the war. Also, there will gradually come into being the various units of the 1,200,000 acre Columbia Basin irrigation project. But the farmers who go onto tracts of the Columbia Basin land must be carefully selected, as irrigated farming is highly specialized work.

Neither is "made" work the answer to the need of returned soldiers for jobs. Some immediate employment will be furnished by a start on a vast program of reconstruction of obsolete highways on the state's system of 5064 miles of primary and secondary highways. An inventory of needed postwar projects on the state highway systems has been made, and it is estimated to cost \$130,000,000. There are now under way three planning programs, consisting of 170 of the most urgently needed projects for immediate postwar construction, estimated to cost \$81,000,000. All this work cannot be done at once, but a start can be made very quickly when the barriers are lowered.

We Will Help

But many men are not suited to work on highways. These service men who have fought the battles of their country have earned the right to carve out their own future. I think they will have their own ideas about what they want to do. And those who welcome them back to the State of Washington expect them to do just that—pick their jobs. We will help them to do it.

Their opportunities lie in a wide scope of developing industry and business, in a rebuilding of world commerce, and in development of the state's great latent resources. These are jobs to which the man with pioneering spirit and imagination will be attracted. I do not believe any men are better qualified to grapple with the problems and challenges of such an expansion in the State of Washington, than are the fighting men who have proven themselves the best of any nation.

Before the war, Washington's world commerce amounted to more than 100 million dollars in value. It gave employment to thousands of men and women—to Washington factory workers, farmers, loggers, lumbermen, fruit growers, railroad workers, longshoremen, truck drivers, seamen and others. A Washington State World Commerce Commission has been formed and is at work to rebuild this commerce. It is surveying world markets to see what the world will need. It will provide outlets for all types of products which will be manufactured, grown on the land, or taken from the mines.

In the four years of war, Washington State has increased its industrial equipment tremendously. Aluminum and magnesium are war industries and will be peace industries. Although not enough aluminum was

produced in this state before the war to make a saucepan, we are providing one third of the nation's output today.

Great Investment

More than 125 million dollars is invested in five great new aluminum and magnesium plants. Shipyards have been built on land that was sandy waste a few years ago. The electro-chemical industry has grown tremendously around the cities of Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle.

The war years, and those immediately before, have brought the State of Washington the most abundant hydroelectric power, at the lowest industrial rates, of any region in all America. There are the Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams, and 64 other public and private power sources in Washington. Within the state's boundaries lie vast mineral deposits and one of the world's largest supplies of accessible timber.



Governor Langlie

Forest resources have been a major influence in Washington's economy. In pre-war years these resources furnished nearly two thirds of the wages, and half the value of industrial products. There are remaining more than 200 billion feet of merchantable timber, board measure, log scale in the state. Under scientific forestry management methods, timber is being converted into a permanent, undepleting crop.

And during the war, both public and privately financed research has been under way. More than 4,000 new uses have been found for lumber, and for much of the timber that formerly was considered merely waste material.

Fisheries

Fisheries are a great resource in Washington, and in addition to those of the state, a major portion of the fish output of Alaska passes across the docks of this state's ports.

These are just a few of the opportunities for work for the returning soldier. To the man with chemical training, industrial experience, or a desire to enter trade, the limit is only the extent of his own imagination and ability.

Coupled with this is the opportunity for year-round pleasant living. Here are unlimited scenic attractions, fresh and salt water sailing, skiing in mountain areas of the Cascade or Olympic ranges, fishing, hunting, and camping. On Puget Sound it is but an hour or two from beaches to mountain meadows.

Washington's climate is mild, with neither extreme heat nor cold.

Camp Campbell Has 3 New Unit Commanders

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Three new unit commanders were named in the 20th Armored Division this week. It was revealed here today by Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Allen, commanding general of the 20th Armored Division.

The new commanding officers are Lt. Col. John J. Carusone, 27th Tank Battalion; Maj. Ward R. Strong, 9th Tank Battalion, and Maj. Gailon M. McHaney, 33rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized.

Homes are built with views of sea-scape and mountain which would be reserved for park purposes in any other region.

Washington State needs these young men, now fighting this nation's battle, for it is a young state. Its population before the war was only 1,735,000 for an area of 69,000 square miles. The war-time population is only about two million, including workers who have come to the shipyards and airplane factories, the light metals plants and other war industries.

You Are Welcome

The state will welcome the men who have worn their country's uniform, for they must carry the responsibilities of the next generation. They must have the vision to build a new prosperity; they must fill the posts of government, as well as of business and manufacturing.

I feel confident that they will measure up to the needs and the opportunities which will be presented to them. On behalf of the people of the State of Washington, I extend a cordial invitation to those who do not know Washington, to come here and see it for themselves. We do not promise picked jobs. We have only a new and virile state, where a man will be able to carve his own niche. That's the kind of population we want, and that is the kind that will come from the men who have the armies of the dictators.



—Signal Corps Photo

GERMAN general, captured near Fismes, France, sits on the side of a jeep while awaiting removal to a PW stockade. The general looks dejected, to say the least. Note the grin on the MP.

South Carolina Offers Great Post-War Opportunity

By Governor Olin D. Johnston

In South Carolina we have established the Preparedness for Peace Commission. This commission has been active for over a year and is formulating plans to take care of the returning servicemen by bringing in industries and thus affording opportunities of employment for these men in the post-war period.

The Highway Department is planning a road building program which will bring about employment and will improve our highway system so that it will be one of the finest in the history of our state.

Our Department of Agriculture is laying plans to aid the farmer in the growing of his crops and in receiving a greater yield from the soil.

We feel that the returning veteran will be able to take his place and be a leader in the post-war construction which will naturally occur in our state. The veteran will have the opportunity of service in the fields of law, medicine, agriculture, science and other fields of activity. The state expects the veteran to be a leader, a builder, and a producer, and the State of South Carolina will cooperate in every way not only in rehabilitating the ex-serviceman but in giving him the opportunity of the greatest field of service to his state.

We are mindful of what the men

and women are doing for us in the armed services of our nation. We shall never forget their sacrifices and we consider it not only a duty but a privilege to welcome them back home and to afford them the greatest opportunities possible. With the development of the science of aviation, greater changes will come

about in transportation not only in passenger transportation but in freight transportation. We will expect the veteran to be a leader in this field and as they have served us so ably in time of war, they will be adequately equipped to serve us in time of peace and help to build a great state and a greater nation.

'Lick 'Em, Keep 'Em Licked,' Allies' Goal, Says Official

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT—Determination that the Japanese and Nazi "gangs stay licked and that the victors will not fight among themselves" was advanced by Avra M. Warren, U. S. Ambassador to Panama, as the twin objective guiding the United Nations in the formulation of postwar policy.

In principle, the envoy told several hundred enlisted men and officers in the Panama Coast Artillery Command, the dual goal represented the common aims of the British,

Chinese, Russian and United States delegates to the Dumbarton Oaks conference.

A peace backed, if need be, by force was forecast by Ambassador Warren when he led a discussion of the four-power parley during the weekly orientation hour of the Coast Artillery Command Training Center. Lt. Col. A. B. Juell, commandant of the training center, introduced the ambassador to the soldier audience.

Greeting in India Heavenly to Wacs

WASHINGTON—Wacs who landed in India in mid-July to serve with the Army Air Forces met with amazing surprises when they got to Calcutta.

Each enlisted woman had what amounts to a luxurious area of her own, with single bed, comfortable mattress, easy chair, chest of drawers and vanity. Their barracks was equipped with a laundry and drying room, showers, bathtubs and the most completely equipped dayroom any of the women soldiers had ever seen.

Maj. Betty Clague of San Francisco, commanding officer of the WAC detachment, wrote to AAF WAC headquarters in Washington of their welcome:

"Never has any Wac detachment received a more cordial welcome than this group. Everyone from the commanding general on down had apparently had a personal interest in our welfare and happiness."

Jap Wheel Helps Make Ice Cream

AN ADVANCED BASE SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA—A captured Japanese bicycle wheel is now doing its part to keep the men of a 31st Division Service Company happy. The Jap wheel is an integral part of an ice cream freezer.

Ice cream is a rare treat in this equatorial land, and the fact that a Jap wheel contributes to its freezing makes it taste better than any the corner drug store ever set on the counter.

T/4 Herman Cole is the designer and chief putter-together of this device. The freezer was rigged up from the following parts: A ten-gallon milk can (U. S.), one end of a 55-gallon gasoline drum, a 1½-ton screw jack (Jap), an airplane defroster, bolts from an ammunition crate (all lead-coated), a section of ½-inch pipe, grass rope salvaged off old tents and the Jap bicycle wheel, which serves as one of the pulleys.

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OUR NAVY's battles in this war have already become classics: the Battle of Midway may well be studied as long as men fight on and under and over the sea. And no one will really know until this war is over how much the Navy contributed to the successful breaching of "Fortress Europe"—or how brilliantly it is outfighting the Japanese octopus in the Pacific.

But when peace comes, when the guns are still... what will become of our Navy then? Will we maintain it in its present overwhelming power? Or will we decide to spend our money in other ways?

A modern Navy is perhaps the costliest possession known to man.

And yet its cost is only a fraction of the

cost of war. So the question we must decide is whether a supreme Navy is really our cheapest and best form of nationwide life and property insurance.

We nearly all agree that, whatever the cost, if we are to play a hand in the world hereafter, we must lead from strength and not from weakness.

The problem is: how much strength?

Maybe it will be easier to decide on the Navy's place in our budget if we first think through the kind of Navy we need and how we mean to use it.

► Do we need a "big battleship" Navy or is the carrier taking its place? Is the battleship really too expensive a way to carry gunpower?

► Is airpower developing so fast that the role of the Navy will become secondary? Should the Navy continue to have its separate air force?

► Will there be a revolutionary change in the next few years in motive power or gunpower? What do rockets, jet propulsion, perhaps even atomic power, have in store for future sea power?

► What territory are we trying to protect with the Navy? Or are we undertaking to help keep the peace the world around?

► What bases must we own or have access to for these purposes? Will we share them with the British... the Russians... all the United Nations?

► What will our possible opponents in any future war be doing with their Navies? Is

it enough to keep ahead of the next largest or must we outbuild all of them put together?

► Shall we make it possible—and is it desirable—for a million and a half men to stay in the Navy? (That would be cutting present personnel in half.) Should older men retire faster and make more room at the top?

► Should we maintain the Marine Corps in proportion? The Coast Guard? And the Merchant fleet (which has already reached the record-breaking total of 3400 ships)?

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Did you note the picture sequence in LIFE for May 8 headed "Biggest Navy Has Revolutionized the World's Naval Strategy"?

Did you ponder a bit over Admiral Ernest J. King's review of the Navy's part in the war so far, as summarized in TIME for May 11? Do you own that old classic on sea fighting, "The Influence of Sea Power on History," by Admiral A. T. Mahan (Little, Brown & Co., \$4.50)?

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OPENING of the London stage door canteen in Piccadilly was made a very big night by the appearance of no less than "Bingle" Bing Crosby, screen, radio and stage star. Allied troops, with their fair escorts, gave Bing a thunderous welcome. During his stay in England, Crosby also gave several broadcasts direct to Germany.

Dad Presented Medal Of Honor Earned By Heroic Son At Anzio

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—A Swedish migrant boy, who was such a good cook that he almost lost his chances to win renown as the "fightinest man" in the 3d Infantry Division, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

He was T/5 Eric Gunnar Gibson, 24 years old, of Chicago, who was shot down on the Anzio beachhead, Italy, at the climax of a desperate fight in which he singlehandedly charged and captured four German automatic weapons positions—despite artillery fire that knocked him down—killed five Germans and captured two, and secured the left flank of his company during an attack on a strongpoint. The action, in which he led a squad of new Infantry replacements (with one exception) occurred near Isola Bella, on January 28, 1944.

The posthumous award was made to his father, Erlend Gibson, a Wisconsin farmer, by Maj. Gen. William R. Schmidt, Commanding General of the 76th Infantry Division, in ceremonies here yesterday afternoon.

Gave Buddies Good Chow

Eric Gibson's buddies swore that he was the best cook in the Army. And Eric liked to give them the best chow that was possible, considering uncertainty of rations, snow and rain that beat at his fires, and enemy shells and bullets that sometimes whistled about his outdoor "kitchen." But at heart, Eric was a fighting man, and he never was known to miss a chance to step from behind the stove into the thick of the fighting.

On Jan. 28 a squad leader became a casualty and the commander decided to allow Gibson to lead a squad composed, with one exception, entirely of new men. This squad was assigned the mission of helping clear the enemy out of a stream ditch called Fossa Femminamorta, near Isola Bella, on the Anzio beachhead.

The story of Gibson's heroism is best told by Pvt. Joseph E. Chilcoat, of Texas, Md., who said: "The attack started at noon. By 12:15 P. M. our squad had moved forward 400 yards and we had just entered the ditch, Gibson leading. Gibson told us to stay 50 yards behind him while he went ahead and found the Germans for us.

Through Hail Of Bullets

"We had gone only a few steps up the ditch when a blaze of machine pistol fire came from a clump of brush halfway up the ditch bank. The bullets couldn't have missed Gibson by more than a few inches. But he ran up the bank right through the bullets, poked his submachinegun into the brush and let go a burst. Then he waved for us to close up. Behind the brush was a dugout hole in the bank. In the hole we saw our first dead German.

"We fell behind again while Gibson moved out ahead. Just then a heavy enemy artillery concentration fell in and around the ditch and we took cover. No sooner had Gibson got up than he was fired on again, this time by both a machine pistolman and a rifleman only 75 yards away.

"He paid no attention to this fire, but ran 75 yards up the bank and fired his submachinegun into another pile of brush. When we came up to Gibson this time one German lay dead in a hole and another came out with his hands up. The rest of us hadn't had to do any fighting so far. Gibson had done it all.

"We started up the ditch again, following Gibson. We'd gone only a short way when a heavy machinegun let us have it from a position at least 200 yards away. Gibson crawled the 50 yards back to us, under the machinegun fire, and told us to lay down a base of fire while he crawled along the top of the

ditch.

"Sometimes I could hardly see him for the dirt kicked up by the bullets. When he got within 35 yards of the emplacement, Gibson threw two hand grenades and before the second grenade exploded, leaped to his feet and ran through the smoke with his tommy-gun blazing.

"I moved the squad up. Gibson had killed two more Germans and captured another. We just stood around for a minute, looking at the Germans and then at Gibson. We had never heard of anyone like him before.

"Continuing up the ditch, Gibson halted us and went 50 yards ahead to look around a bend in the ditch.

"Just as he disappeared from sight we heard a machine pistol open fire and then a machinegun let go with two or three short bursts. We ran ahead to help him. As we came around we saw Gibson lying on the ground. He was dead. The German machine pistolman was dead, too, in his emplacement."

What Do Wacs Miss Most In Africa? Plain Faucet Water

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas.—Ruth Smith, of Detroit, and T/4 Arlene Askegaard, of Comstock, Minn. like most GIs who have been overseas—particularly veterans of North Africa—agree they missed most the simple, everyday things.

"Things the folks back home take for granted," says Sergeant Smith.

"Like water," Sergeant Askegaard added, "just plain ordinary faucet water."

Sergeants Smith and Askegaard went overseas in January, 1943, with the first contingent of Women's Army Corps and are the first members of the Corps to report to Fort Sam Houston's Southern Personnel Reassignment Center. They were returned under the rotation plan. Both were stationed 15 months in North Africa.

Their arrival in North Africa was so sudden that for several months the Wacs had to be housed in an old convent. Refugee children also shared the dwelling. The nuns were quiet and friendly. On Easter Sunday, 1943, they treated the Wacs to eggs, their first since leaving the States. The water situation in the convent, say the girls, was something to write home about.

"Or something not to write home about," they added, smiling. To be exact, they often had to use their steel helmets as wash basins, and more than once as wash tubs. Sergeant Askegaard actually laundered

a three-piece fatigue suit in a helmetful of water.

First Engineers Combat Battalion Is Cited 3 Times

WASHINGTON—The 1st Engineer Combat Battalion has won "Battle Honors" three times for "outstanding performance of duty in action," the War Department has announced.

The citations recite achievements of the unit on Gafen, Tunisia, and in other areas of the Tunisian campaign in 1943, and the assault on the coast of France on D-Day, June 6, when, under heavy fire and working at times ahead of the Infantry, it cleared a beach exit through anti-tank ditches, road blocks and mine fields and opened a vehicle transit area inland.

Camp McCoy Has Sale

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—Thousands of items—from leather goods to metalware—unservicable to the Army—have been placed on sale at Camp McCoy, Col. George M. MacMullin, post commander, announced, revealing that Capt. Louis Malenky, post salvage officer, has invited bids for these materials. Deadline for bids is September 21.

Outdoor Advertising War Activities Told

CHICAGO—Participation of organized Outdoor Advertising in every activity affecting the "civilian front" is described in detail, with profuse illustrations in color, in a 48-page brochure just published by the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

The cover of the brochure, the latest in a series, is a reproduction of the poster painted by Lawrence Wilbur for the American Red Cross War Fund campaign, depicting "the greatest mother in the world."

The opening chapter describes the Outdoor Advertising industry's activities in connection with the display of thousands of locally-spon-

sored posters for the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense.

Sponsored Posters

These sponsored posters were designed to aid the recruiting of volunteers for the Citizens Defense Corps and the Citizens Service Corps, as well as aiding the security of war information program of the Office of War Information, the organization of car-sharing clubs, Victory Gardens and other activities.

Posters depicting the rationing and price-control programs of the Office of Price Administration, the War-time Forest Fire Prevention program of the Department of Agriculture, the mobilization of labor by the War Manpower Commission, and other emergency war agencies are reproduced, with textual description of the campaigns.

The various campaigns and drives of the American Red Cross, with reproductions of the posters used in each, are described in detail, as are those of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the United Service Organizations, the Community Mobilization for Human Needs, the National Tuberculosis Endeavor Union, and similar organizations.

The center spread is a reproduction of the famous "Give Us This Day" poster used in the National War Fund campaign.

Recruiting Activities

The second half of the brochure deals with the recruiting activities of the various branches of the armed services including the WAVES, the Marine Corps, the WACS, the SPARS, the Merchant Marine and the Air Cadets, with reproductions of the posters used in each.

The booklet is concluded with a description of the campaigns of the Army and Navy Relief.

The brochure carries reproductions of letters expressing the appreciation of those responsible for the conduct of the war effort.

A previous brochure described the activities of organized Outdoor Advertising in the war finance program of the U. S. Treasury.

Copies of the booklet may be obtained from the Association, 25 E. Washington Street, Chicago 2, Ill.

Queenie Couldn't Wait

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—A battalion aid station turned into a "maternity ward" for Co.C, 774th Med. Tng. Bn., ASFTC, out on a field problem, when "Queenie," dog mascot pet of Cpl. Ernest G. Bierwirth, gave birth to eight pups right in the midst of a simulated battlefield.

GI Whirl

By Joe Wilson



"Amellicans also know ju jitsu."

Medal of Honor Man Does 'His Stuff' to Save Young Buddies

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—For the singlehanded conquest of a hill in the historic Fifth Army battle for Cassino, Pfc. Leo J. "Pop" Powers, 35-year-old limited service soldier from Alder, Mont., has been awarded the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor.

With only four hand grenades, the 94th "Red Bull" Infantry Division private knocked out three enemy machineguns entrenched in pillboxes, killed five Germans and wounded probably 12, took four prisoners and led to the capture of 13 others.

It was while the Fifth Army was held up short of Cassino last February, and Powers' infantry company had been decimated in vain attempts to take Hill 175. In the line continuously for 30 days, only 35 men remained.

Under Enemy Fire

Motivated, he said later, by sight of inexperienced replacements being cut down by the heavy enemy machinegun and mortar fire, Powers voluntarily crawled up to attack one pillbox housing a machinegun. He was armed only with two hand grenades. When he reached a point 15 yards from the objective, he stood upright, fully exposed to enemy fire, and threw one grenade, underhand, into an opening in top of the pillbox, killing two Germans. The four others in the gun crew, all of whom probably were wounded, fled.

It was later brought out Powers had never been able to throw a grenade well in the accepted overhand manner.

The gun in a pillbox 35 yards to his left opened fire. Powers again attacked, stood upright close to the enemy position, as before, and tossed his last grenade underhand into an opening on top of the pillbox. Again he scored, killing one German and driving away the four other members of the gun crew, all of whom it is believed were wounded.

Four Nazis Surrender

As he returned, a machinegun in a third pillbox on Powers' company's right flank went into action. Powers took two hand grenades from a wounded comrade and advanced toward the enemy machinegun. Only 10 yards from it and facing heavy enemy machinegun and machine pistol fire, Powers stood up and carefully threw both hand grenades through the aperture in the top of the pillbox. He killed two more Germans. The remainder of the crew, four wounded men, came out of the entrenchment and surrendered to Powers, who was then unarmed.

Powers' company, reduced to 17 men, advanced up the hill, captured an additional 13 Germans, drove away the 20 defenders who had survived and captured the hill.

General Simpson Leads 9th Army In France Action

WASHINGTON—Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commander of the new Ninth Army, now in the field in France, is a 65-year-old Texan who made the Army his career.

Graduated from West Point in 1909, he has been an officer of the Regular Army ever since. He was promoted to the temporary rank of lieutenant general last Oct. 13.

In World War I he was 33rd Division assistant chief of staff and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Croix de Guerre and the French Legion of Honor.

In August, 1940, he was named commander of the Ninth Infantry at Fort Sam Houston and two years later was made commander of the 10th Army Corps when it was activated at Fort Jackson, S. C. He became commander of the Fourth Army last October.

Artist Now Soldier

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—Now on duty with the Visual Aids section of the 372nd Infantry Regiment here is Pfc. Charles H. Alston, noted Negro artist and cartoonist. He was a staff artist for Life and Fortune magazines prior to his induction.

Powers was wounded less than two weeks later when a German shell hit a house.

To Save Young Buddies

T/Sgt. Gerald V. Montgomery, of Fayetteville, W. Va., who fought at Powers' side before Cassino, offered to tell how the Montana Infantryman was motivated when he attacked the pillboxes.

"Pop and I used to talk things over like at night when we were alone in a dugout waiting for something to happen," Montgomery said. "After that Cassino deal we were sitting around one night, and I

asked Pop what got into him on Hill 175.

"You see, he was a pretty quiet guy and cautious. He always dug a foxhole first thing and never picked up souvenirs on the battlefield for fear of booby traps. He didn't go in for hero stuff. This is how Pop answered me, or the gist of it anyway: 'I don't like to talk about it much, Mont,' he said, 'but something did get into me. I watched those young fellows charging up the hill with us—we'd got some replacements a few days before, you know—and I saw some of them get hit. Then we were all pinned down by that machinegun and mortar concentration.

"There I was, a pretty old man compared to those youngsters. They ought to do a lot more living yet. Suddenly I felt that maybe I could do something to let them live. So I got up and did it. You understand, don't you, Mont? I'd hate for you to think I put on an act."

"That was quite a stretch of talking for Pop. But he didn't have to tell me that he hadn't put on an act. He had trouble with his feet. On marches he could never take advantage of a rest period, because he was always trying to catch up to the rest of us. A guy like that doesn't go in for heroics. He goes in for what he thinks he has to. But imagine a guy taking a hill practically by himself because he felt he was too old!"

Eight Units Get 'Battle Honors'

WASHINGTON—Awards of "Battle Honors" to Troop A, 8th Cavalry, and to seven Infantry units "in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction" were announced by the War Department.

The Infantry units cited were the First Ranger Battalion; Company G of the 180th Infantry; Cannon Company, 16th Infantry; the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry (two citations); 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry; Company K, 18th Infantry; Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division.



REMINISCING over a bottle of cider and some vin rouge, Monsieur Petit Victor, of Mareuil sur Ourcq, France, and Sgt. Lewis F. Clancy, of Plattsburg, N. Y., talk over old times. In World War I, Sergeant Clancy's battalion made its headquarters at Victor's house.

Tuba Bulls Bull

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Never blow a tuba at a herd of cows.

The advice comes from Sgt. Gordon Bennett, of the 85th AGF Band, which spent a four-day bivouac near Biloxi. The band was playing a practice session under the pines to an appreciative bovine audience when Bennett expertly imitated, on his tuba, the mating call of a bull. The stampede which followed almost ended band practice for the day.

Adds To GI Lingo

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Here's an addition to the already picturesque GI language.

One morning when hot cakes were the breakfast special at the Eastern Personnel Reassignment Center, this conversation was heard between two of the boys, one headed for the mess hall, the other away from it.

"What did we have for chow?" queried the soldier headed for the mess hall.

"Shoulder pads," was the reply.

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WINDOW shopping in Sens, France, are Lt. Margaret Weston, of Steubenville, Ohio, and Lt. Patricia Sheridan, of Cleveland, both Army nurses. Note their wishful expressions as they view the displayed girdle.

Yanks Interrupt Beerfest; Grab Nazis, Consume Brew

WITH THE 36TH (TEXAS) DIVISION, France—While out on a survey of a new position in which to set up their artillery batteries, 2nd Lt. Norvin F. Raque, of Louisville, and his survey section captured 39 Germans.

A Frenchman tipped off to Lieutenant Raque the presence of a number of Krauts hiding in deserted German barracks.

With the Frenchman leading the way, Lieutenant Raque and his men approached the house. Three men went to the rear door and three remained at the front door. At the given signal, the two groups broke in and surprised 39 Germans seated around a table eating and drinking beer.

Although all were armed, the sudden appearance of the Americans so startled them they offered no resistance.

'Victory Garden' Saves Mess Hall \$25,000 at Ellis

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—The camp's 220-acre "Victory Garden" has cut more than \$25,000 from the mess hall food bill this season, it is announced by Col. John S. Sullivan, camp commander.

Total volume amounted to 104 tons of assorted vegetables and 15,300 dozen ears of sweet corn. In dollar value corn saved the government \$5,400; green beans, \$4,400, and tomatoes, \$4,600.

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assistance. The prisoners were then disarmed and lined up against the wall.

But there was another problem that faced the group. What to do with all the beer! They hadn't tasted beer in ages and it looked very tempting. Without further ado, the men drank all they could hold and then marched their prisoners to the rear where they turned them over to the POW stockade.

New Guinea Smiths Kicking Smithereens Out of Japs

WITH U. S. INFANTRY AT ADVANCED NEW GUINEA BASE.—One unit of Infantry down here in the steaming jungle is positive it will knock the smithereens out of the Japs. There are so many doughboys named Smith, the commanding officer has to keep them spread out along the perimeter sector.

There are 13 Smiths in this particular sector. An Army correspondent approached Capt. Francis S. McCain, Ashland, Ala., on the front where hot action had been taking place, and said: "Captain, I'd like to talk to one of the youngsters who saw his first action here the other day when the Japs tried to break through the Drniimore River line."

Here between Aitape and Wewak, the Infantry has surrounded a Japanese force and is tightening its noose on them.

"Smitty," the captain called. Two 21-year-olds emerged from a pillbox.

"My name is Smith, Pvt. Horace M., from Taswell, Ind.," said one.

Sign Contracts For Postwar Airliners

NEW YORK—The signing of contracts by the airlines this week for 93 super airliners to cost some \$50,000,000 is the first large-scale indication of development in the postwar air production program.

The ships ordered are now known as the DC-4 and DC-6 Douglas planes. D. W. Douglas, president of the Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., said he expects to be granted permission to start work on the ships soon after the fall of Germany.

The new giant ships, which will incorporate the result of war experience in their construction, will offer the greatest luxury yet seen in aircraft design. The four-engined DC-6 is expected to fly the coast-to-coast route in eight and a half hours, and to do the New York to Chicago trip in two hours and 40 minutes.

Hatred for Japs Made Guide Trigger-Happy, Yanks Jittery

(By PFC. PAUL V. HARRIS)

77TH INFANTRY DIVISION, In the Pacific—Prowling about enemy positions on a reconnaissance patrol is asking for trouble, but having a trigger-happy native guide along, you are apt to find double-trouble and a definite effect on your nervous system.

This was proven in a tale of taunt nerves and physical exhaustion told by 2nd Lt. Jack Miller, of College Station, Tex., who led a three-man patrol of 77th Infantry Division Reconnaissance Troops on a trek through Jap-held territory during the early phases of the invasion of Guam with the mission of spotting Japanese installations and troop concentrations.

With a pattern of cuts from sword grass on his face and hands, the young officer related his experiences of 36 hours behind-the-lines activity with a native Chamorro guide who reacted "like a dog after a cat" when-

ever the enemy was within killing distance.

Hazardous Journey

Along with his own three men, S/Sgt. Clifford (Skip) Austin, of Castle Shannon, Pa.; Sgt. Richard De Ponto, Yonkers, N. Y., and T/4 Joseph Bodzio, of Sayreville, N. J., Miller left our lines securing the southern beachhead before daylight with the guide leading them toward Talofa Bay to the north, their destination.

They started on their hazardous journey by following a river that was sometimes through dense jungle. Much of the traveling was done by wading up this river that was sometimes chest deep in some sections. Toward noon, they spotted Japs coming down river and were forced to sink into the water with only their heads exposed until the Nips passed.

"We mostly kept to the jungle after that incident, avoiding trails and guiding on the river," said Lieutenant Miller. "At times the

going was tough because of the 70-lb. two-way radio we took turns carrying. We hit sections where we had to crawl on our stomachs to get through. We set out with as little equipment as possible by bringing only the bare essentials, but the radio was necessary because our artillery was applying the meat-grinding system to this area and we had to have a prearranged means of informing them of our whereabouts to avoid being hit.

"As we went along, we discovered Jap positions for our artillery to bracket in on, but most of the time we were unable to make our report every three hours as we planned. At intervals, the situation was too ticklish to report anything. The Japs were in possession of our code and the type of radio we were carrying.

Guide Wanted To Kill

"Although a mission of this sort is not an unusual one for reconnaissance troops, a guide like Giko Toni increased the danger of revealing the patrol's presence to the Japs because he could not understand why we men only wanted to spy on Japs and not kill them. It took persuasion and promises to keep Toni from opening up with his automatic when the enemy was in sight.

"Once we came across a cave with Jap footprints (they wear shoes with split toes) leading to it and Toni wanted to clean it out. We assured him we would take care of it on the way back.

"We knew his hatred of the Jap was caused by stories of their brutality and slavery told by the first few natives to escape from concentration camps on the island. Toni's story was the same. He told intelligence officers he killed three guards and freed his family when he learned the Americans had come back."

Slept Near Jap Cave

Not far from the camp, the patrol stayed for the night in a cave but frayed nerves forbade sleep. Next morning they happened on a group of natives who informed them they had slept within 50 yards of another cave where 20 Japanese naval officers made their quarters to be safe from artillery fire.

Four of the Chamorros joined the patrol and it was to these newcomers the Americans owe their lives. Without rations, the exertion of their struggle through the dense underbrush, and the depressing heat of the jungle, they were reduced to the point of exhaustion. The natives provided them with jungle edibles and coconut water, and with machetes, blazed a shorter and faster route back to our lines.

Miller and his men, who had been commended by their superiors on the results of the mission, agreed that had it not been for the natives and Toni's uncanny ability to sense the presence of Japs ahead of them to avert contact, they would not be alive today.

Supplies For Yank Invasion Forces 'Everything Wanted'

WASHINGTON—Supplies were taken in across the beaches of northern France daily by engineer special brigades of the Army Service Forces in quantities almost equal to the pre-war average daily imports of Philadelphia and Baltimore combined, it was reported by Brig. Gen. Don G. Shingler, who was chief of the amphibious section in charge of supply of Lt. Gen. Omar D. Bradley's First Army.

General Shingler disclosed that within three days of the Allied landings in northern France supply ships were putting in straight to France, without stopping first in England. He noted that, under new highly developed technique, no ship was too large to be unloaded on a beach, but that regular ports helped to

speed up the operation, particularly in bad weather. General Shingler returned to the United States after his back was broken when he was hit by a truck in France on July 8.

Col. Paul W. Thompson, who led an engineer special brigade into action on the "Omaha" beachhead, where the hottest fighting of the landings occurred, declared that the American forces had "everything we wanted, everything we needed, and in ample quantity."

Says 'Nuffs' Nuff'

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Pvt. Bob Montgomery, lightweight champ, usually takes his ring work seriously. But he joined the crowd in a good laugh while refereeing an all-colored bout at Keesler Field, where Bob recently completed his basic training.

One of the boxers, exceedingly tired, dropped to the canvas. Bob raised his arm to start the count when the fallen gladiator said, audibly:

"No use countin', Mister Montgomery, I ain't goin' to get up."

Brothers Are Reunited

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Officer Candidate Edward Sampson, Jr., of Utah, upon his arrival here at The Infantry School looked down the long lines of barracks bags, seeking his own. He found a "Sampson" but it belonged to Harold Y. Sampson, his brother, whom he had not seen or heard of for a year and a half.

President Favors CCC in Peace Draft

WASHINGTON—A universal military training program for youth in the post-war years which will combine basic training with a combination of some of the features of the old Conservation Corps and more formal education is reported being contemplated by President Roosevelt.

This representation of the President's ideas, with supplementary studies going forward in various executive agencies, was described by officials of the VFW as the result of a conference between President Roosevelt and Jean A. Brunner, Commander of the V. F. W.

Patients on Hospital Ships Laud Treatment

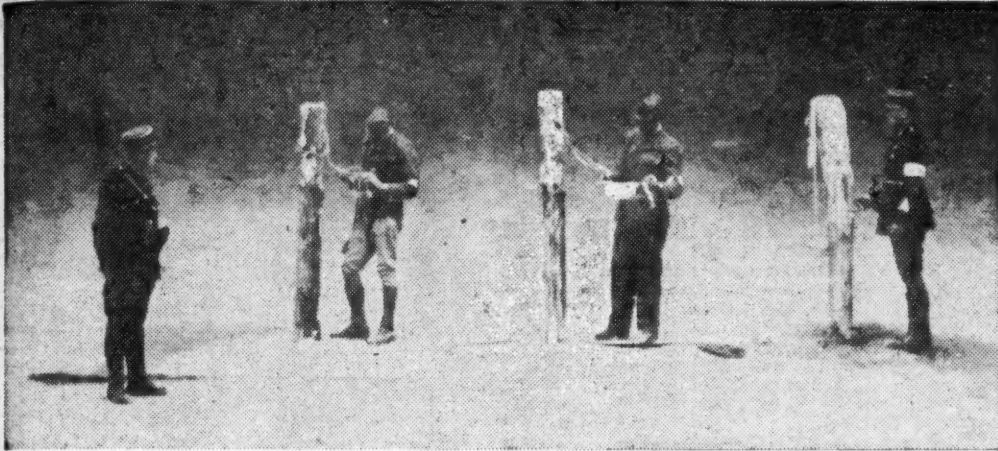
WASHINGTON—Letters written by patients who have returned to the United States from the fighting fronts aboard Army hospital ships show the sincere gratitude these sick and wounded men feel for their treatment during the ocean voyage, the War Department reports.

All of them show that these casualties feel they are practically "home" when they board a hospital ship, despite the long voyage that lies ahead. The change from front-line privation to clean beds, familiar music, and foods that had been only memories is most welcome.



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UNDAUNTED by the flood of "Pin-Up Girls" boosted by their comrades in the service Camp Davis, N. C., WACs nominated their symbol, Pallas Athene, Goddess of Victory, as "Glamour Girl of 1944." Holding the portrait of a winking Athena, painted by Cpl. Lee Steinkirchner, are two modern, live and pretty glamour gals—Cpl. Margaret Goodlett (left), and T/5 Dorothy Morrow, of the Station Complement WAC Detachment.



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TORTURE chamber, found in the rear of the French Ministry of Aviation Building in Paris, is being inspected by FFI men and Paris police. Formerly a rifle range, the building was converted by the Nazis into a fireproof, soundproof edifice where the FFI prisoners were either burned alive or tied to these pillars and shot.

Infantry School At Fort Benning Graduates Its 50,000th Officer

FORT BENNING, Ga.—With Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, delivering the principal address and presenting the commissions, the Infantry School here established in 1941, yesterday graduated and commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry its 50,000th officer candidate, was Angus J. McIntosh, of Minneapolis, who enlisted in the Army Feb. 2, 1941, and was selected for officer training while he was on duty in Greenland, where he served for 18 months.

In connection with the graduation ceremonies, a demonstration of new Infantry weapons presented by the Infantry Board. Newest weapons shown included the Jungle Mortar, T8E6, the 81-mm Short Mortar, a new type of Rifle grenade for use against enemy armor, and Rifle and Hand Grenades, White Phosphorus. The graduation ceremonies were most colorful and impressive. Officiating officers marched into the graduation hall to the music of the 221st AGF Band. The Chaplain's delivery of the invocation was followed by the National Anthem. Then General Lear was introduced by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of the Infantry School.

After commending the training course devised by the Army and congratulating the school itself for its incomparable job, General Lear said in part:

"Fifty thousand is a good round figure. It is also an impressively substantial figure, and one that should cause grave concern to our enemies, whose dwindling pools of manpower are daily ebbing, as ours continue to be enriched by trained junior officers such as you.

"An Army is no better than its commanders and its leaders, and our Infantry units will be no better than you are. You have earned the privilege and responsibility of commanding our fighting soldiers. Leadership is the key to military success, and you are the men who will have to wield that key. You are the leaders who will be with the soldiers who are in intimate contact with the enemy—the front-line fighting;

Servicewomen to Get Equal Rights in New Vets' Group

WASHINGTON—The new American Veterans of World War II will grant the same membership rights to women of the armed forces as to men, according to Col. Luther Maddox, U. S. A., retired, chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

"The women are going overseas and serving their country under the same conditions as the men," Colonel Maddox said. "They will be faced with the same problems as the men when they change from uniform to civilian dress."

Merchant seamen were considered for membership by the Policy and Constitution and Bylaws Committee. They will not be admitted as members but will be given every other assistance, Elmo Keel, acting national commander, said.

The new organization claims it has received communications asking for affiliation from veterans' clubs in every state, as well as from clubs already formed within the armed forces.

you will be doing the actual fighting yourselves. Do not think that your jobs will be easy. They will not. It is you who will have to receive and transmit orders under the most difficult circumstances imaginable. It is you who will have to order men you know well to perform dangerous and difficult tasks. It is you who will undertake the most hazardous and trying of these tasks yourselves. You must do so uncomplainingly and unhesitatingly. If there are risks to take, and there will be, you will have to be the first to take them, for you are now leaders of fellow Infantrymen.

"I have said that your training has been the best that could be made. When you are on the battlefield, you will thank God for every difficult moment you have spent at this School. You will have to be hard, then, and the physical and mental hardening you have been given here will seem to you a blessing. You may feel now that you have had to absorb plenty; you will find later that you can never have absorbed enough.

Yank Versatility Shown In Adaption of Gun Motor Carriage

CAMP HAAN, Calif.—Antiaircrafters eyes popped last week when they saw a huge armored machine, looking like a cross between a tank and a tractor, rumbling through the camp, pulling behind it a 90 mm. gun.

The new machine became revealed a little later as an adaption of Gun Motor Carriage M10AL. At Fort Bliss, Tex., it appears, there was a surplus of them and some ingenious ordnance man got the idea of removing the gun and using them as prime movers for the Army's biggest guns.

Four of them were shipped here and are being tested and serviced by the 214th Ordnance Company. The first tests worked so well that the carriages are to be used to tow the 120 mm. guns.

The gun carriages have five forward speeds, with one reverse and they travel across country at a cruising speed of 26 miles. The chassis is identical with that of a

General Sherrill Heads Signal Corps School

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Brig. Gen. Stephen H. Sherrill, formerly of Tampa, Fla., who, as a member of the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff, helped map the Army's role in the first part of the war, has been named commandant of the Eastern Signal Corps Schools here.

Prior to coming here, he was commanding general of the Army Air Forces Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center, which operates under the Third Air Forces at Drew Field, Fla., and he succeeds Col. Harry E. Storms, who will receive a new assignment.

Gets Invasion Front-Seat By Chuting Into Normandy

AN AMERICAN AIRBORNE BASE, European Theater of Operations—Discarding the ordinary caution identifying a general officer's every-day actions, Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe volunteered to and did parachute into Normandy, France, in the early hours of darkness on June 6—D-day of the world's greatest military invasion. General McAuliffe, whose normal mode of

combat transportation is by glider, is the Commanding General of the artillery forces of the 101st Airborne Division.

Marshalling his guns and men into a task force, the 46-year-old general, of Washington, D. C., directed the artillery attack on Carentan, Normandy bottleneck which threatened to break the Allied grip on the Peninsula. Carentan was the first large French city to fall to the American airborne invasion forces.

McAuliffe later stood in the public square of Carentan to receive the Silver Star from Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who commanded the American ground forces in the drive for the port city, Cherbourg. McAuliffe was cited for his initiative and able direction in staging the attack at Pouppeville which secured a vital causeway and opened the road for troops who had stormed the beaches at H-hour on June 6.

Garbage Taken To Sea In Duck

AN ADVANCED BASE IN NEW GUINEA—Army and civilian engineers designed the duck to solve the problem of amphibious invasion but it took Pfc. James E. Gaines, of the 31st Infantry Division, to see its possibilities as a garbage scow.

In New Guinea, garbage is pretty much in everyone's nose unless it is disposed of quickly. Garbage pits are worthless because of the soil.

While constructing an incinerator, Gaines decided that such a job was a little warm for that climate. He decided there was a lot of sea and that if big cities could dump garbage that way so could he.

The idea worked and now other outfits are taking their garbage to sea in a duck.

Nut to Crack

AN ADVANCED BASE IN NEW GUINEA—Freshly promoted Capt. Harold Jacobson has had his first anxious moments in combat.

Captain "Jake," commanding a rifle company in the 31st Division, now in combat in the Southwest Pacific under command of Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, was leading a patrol in the jungle when the group was suddenly pinned down by enemy mortar fire and snipers.

A shell burst in a palm over the Captain.

"They got me," he gasped to the man nearest him.

But it wasn't so. Shell fragments had dislodged a coconut which fell squarely on Jake's head.

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COMPLETING his qualification jumps, Maj. Gen. Elbridge G. Chapman, Commanding General of the 13th Airborne Division, receives the Silver Wings of the U. S. Army paratrooper from Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, commandant of the Parachute School at Fort Benning, Ga. Previous to assuming command of the 13th, General Chapman was the Commanding General of the Airborne Command.



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Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES—Col. Horace B. Smith, Infantry, is the new assistant to the director for Army Ground Forces, in the War Department Bureau of Public Relations. He succeeds Col. Falkner Heard, FA, who is now deputy director to Maj. Gen. Alexander D. Surles, director, Bureau of Public Relations.

In ceremonies conducted by Maj. Gen. James G. Christiansen, GSC, chief of staff, Army Ground Forces, an officer was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, and four enlisted men of Headquarters and Headquarters Company received Combat Infantry Badges at the Army War College Thursday, September 7.

Given the Bronze Star Medal was Col. Joseph K. Bush, Infantry, of the Ground G-3 Section. Already the possessor of the Silver Star, he was honored for his action in leading an Infantry regiment in the Americans' capture of Bougainville, Solomon Islands.

Enlisted overseas veterans given the badges included Sgt. Donald P. Hamilton, Cpl. James Jordan, T/5 John D. Ullrich, and Pfc. Robert W. Klein.

Among several high-ranking officers who visited AGF headquarters for conference purposes during the past few days was Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott, commanding general of the Armored Center, Fort Knox, Ky. Col. A. S. Baker, chief of staff, 14th Antiaircraft Command, and a former member of General MacArthur's Antiaircraft Command, also was present, as was Lt. Col. E. J. Gibson, former Ordnance representative of the Southwest Pacific Observer Board.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER—Eighteen men from here were naturalized last week in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, North Carolina. This brings to 402 the number of Replacement Center men who have been awarded citizenship since the first of the year.

The FA RTC's exclusive organization, the \$1,000 Bond-Buyers' Club, gained another member when Cpl. Charles Anderson of "B" Battery, 8th Battalion, purchased two \$1,000 war bonds and two \$100 bonds. Corporal Anderson is a native of Tennessee, and the father of eight children. The bonds are definitely to be put aside for his children's education.

HEADQUARTERS, THE CAVALRY SCHOOL—Col. George B. Ely of the Department of Tactics has left for a new station.

Maj. Arthur K. Whitehead, who was on duty with the 26th Cavalry in the Philippines at the time of the Japanese invasion, succeeded Maj. William W. West, III, of the 129th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron this week as chief of the Department of Horsemanship.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD AR-

TILLERY SCHOOL—Capt. Guy R. Shoemaker and three enlisted men of the Department of Material have been selected to attend a course on the operation and maintenance of the field chronograph conducted by the Aberdeen Proving Grounds Ballistics Research Laboratory.

By means of the chronograph it is possible to measure the muzzle velocity of an artillery shell enabling corrections to be made for individual weapons and to insure more accurate fire by batteries or battalions on the enemy. Big guns have individual characteristics just as smaller weapons.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND—Col. Thomas G. Dobyns, IGD, Inspector General, Antiaircraft Command, visited the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center, Camp Haan, Calif., this week and conducted the annual general inspection of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, AAATC.

Among the recent visitors here were Brig. Gen. Edward A. Stockton, Jr., Commanding General, Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center, Camp Stewart, Ga.; Brig. Gen. William Hesketh, Commanding General, Antiaircraft Replacement Training Center, Camp Stewart; Col. James F. Howell, CAC, and Lt. Col. J. R. Lempiuhl, CAC, from Headquarters, AAATC, Camp Stewart; Col. Dean S. Ellerthorpe, CAC, Commandant, Antiaircraft Artillery School; Lt. Col. H. R. Smith, Jr., CAC, and Maj. A. A. Currie, CAC, who recently returned from the European theater where they served as members of an observers' group in connection with antiaircraft fire control matters.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL—Col. A. G. Baker, CAC, chief of staff for an overseas Antiaircraft Artillery Command, visited the AAA School last week in connection with training matters.

Recently assigned to the Antiaircraft Artillery School as members of the staff and faculty are Maj. Bernard A. Feldman, CAC, assigned to the Searchlight and Electrical Department, and Capt. George F. Bruse, CAC, who has been assigned to the Automatic Weapons Department.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER—Col. Harold G. Holt, who commanded a troop in the U. S. Army's first armored unit, recently assumed command of Combat Command "B" of the 13th Armored Division, succeeding the late Col. Henry V. Dexter.

Col. Basil G. Thayer recently assumed new duties as chief of staff of the 10th Armored Division. Col-

THE GERMANS reported to their people that it took 24 Yank divisions to break their Normandy line. There were only six divisions in the attack.

onel Thayer's Army career has included tours of duty at Fort Myer, Va.; Fort Riley, Kan.; the Philippines; Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and Fort Bliss, Tex. He has been in the Armored force since its earliest days, following 20 years of service exclusively with the Cavalry.

The assignment of Lt. Col. Richard H. Ray as division surgeon of the 16th Armored Division has been announced. Colonel Ray formerly commanded the 216th Medical Battalion. He had also served with the 6th Armored Division.

The reassignment of three officers to new duties in the 16th Armored Division was recently announced. Lt. Col. Louria F. Lewis became commanding officer of Combat Command "B" after serving as commander of the 16th Tank Battalion. Lt. Col. James E. Norvell has been assigned to command the division artillery, moving up from the post of CO of the 395th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Major Richard Horrocks became the new division G-3, having formerly commanded the 64th Armored Infantry Battalion.



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GRAPHIC combat picture, taken on the outskirts of Brest, France, shows a U. S. Infantry column under attack.

Fears Of Malaria Spread From Returning Soldiers Are Eased

WASHINGTON—There is little danger of any serious epidemic of malaria in the continental United States traceable to soldiers returned from malarious battlefronts, in the opinion of Maj. O. R. McCoy, Medical Corps, Chief of the Tropical Disease Control Division in the Preventive Medicine Service of the Office of The Surgeon General of the Army.

Among soldiers, it was reported recently, the malaria situation has improved to a point where the effectiveness of combat units is no longer seriously threatened so long

as "atabrine discipline" is properly maintained. Nevertheless some civilian authorities have indicated their fear that the return of malaria victims to the homeland might cause new epidemics or re-establish the disease endemically in areas which have not known it for several generations.

Such fears are unwarranted, Major McCoy says. He pointed out that there is no reason to presume that mosquito control work, on which our principal dependence has been placed for malaria control, will not continue to operate effectively

despite the presence of returned soldier victims.

Malaria Always Here

"Malaria has always been present in the United States," he said, "especially in the southeast, but, with a few exceptions established measures have proved adequate in protecting non-endemic areas. Of course, it appears occasionally in northern States. Only last year there were 53 cases in Johnson City, Ill., and in recent years there have been outbreaks in Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey and Ohio, all relatively small and quickly controlled."

"Yet no attempt has ever been made here to control the movement of the human carriers to whom these outbreaks were probably due. Up until the last decade for instance, thousands of infected immigrants from southern Europe were allowed to enter this country and settle at will, and seasonal migration of southern agricultural workers to northern States has been encouraged. No outward consequences in the malaria situation have resulted from this policy."

"There seems to be no good reason to take a different attitude toward soldiers who may be carriers."

Another fear of the American public: That malaria, once acquired, lasts for life, is unfounded, the Medicine, Division of the Office of The Surgeon General pointed out.

Crowder Men Are Doubly Perfect

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—A perfect score on the sub-machine gun range is like a hole-in-one in golf. It's rare, but has happened before. But when two perfect scores are chalked up on the range on the same day and by the same company, this is an occasion worth remembering.

That remarkable performance was accomplished by Cpl. Bernard H. Migol and Pvt. Charles A. Turner when their organization fired a qualification course on the sub-machine gun course. Each scored 100 out of a possible 100 points.

Civil War Veterans Pay Tribute to Comrades

DES MOINES, Iowa — Fourteen Union veterans of the Civil War paid tribute to dead comrades this week at the opening service of the Seventy-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

George A. Gay, 95, Nashau, N. H., participated in the memorial ceremony in place of Commander in Chief George H. Jones, 95, of Oxford, Me., who is in a hospital recovering from a slight illness.

U. S. Antiaircraft Troops Help British Destroy Robot Bombs

WASHINGTON—Maj. Richard S. Cranmer, who has just returned to this country from a special Ordnance mission to England and France, declared that several battalions of U. S. anti-aircraft troops have been on 24-hour duty in England, fighting side by side with similar British units in an all-out effort to destroy the robot bombs.

"The quality of U. S. Ordnance equipment and the marksmanship of our troops is superb," Major Cranmer said. "The majority of robot bombs were shot out of the

sky. Only a relatively small percentage of these bombs were able to get through to the English mainland. However, when they did penetrate strong British-American air and ground defenses, they did considerable damage."

"The Germans launched the bombs singly and in salvo. As many as 17 bombs came over at one time. But whether the bombs were launched singly or in groups, in the daylight hours or at night, in fair or cloudy weather, our boys destroyed a great many of them in flight."

"In one sector I visited, one battery of 90-mm. M1A1 guns had fired 220 rounds in 48 hours. It was not unusual for gun tubes to become hot from continuous firing. While this imposed a heavy responsibility on Ordnance maintenance companies, the records at General Eisenhower's headquarters showed that very few of the guns were out of action very long."

"On one occasion, early in July, an Ordnance company in England had just completed repairs on an anti-aircraft gun when a robot bomb was sighted. Ordnance troops immediately put the gun in action and were officially credited with the destruction of one robot bomb."

Major Cranmer also declared that U. S. Ordnance anti-aircraft equipment was proving highly successful in destroying what remains of the German Luftwaffe.

Valued Suggestions

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—A WAC and a post ordnance lieutenant were recommended for promotion last week as first rewards were made in the military program here.

The WAC, now Cpl. Josephine Alessi, worked out a better method for figuring subsistence and menus, while the lieutenant, Stephen V. Landers, recommended for promotion to captain, devised a speedy method of preserving guns with cosmoline.

Four Battalions Join 31st Brigade Training at Sill

FORT SILL, Okla. — Four Field Artillery Battalions, the 665th, 664th, 209th and 530th have arrived to join the 31st Brigade as part of the school troops of the Field Artillery School. These battalions have been assigned as the 210th Field Artillery commanded by Colonel Buhl Moore of Savannah, Ga.

One of the new battalions, the 209th commanded by Lt. Col. Walter S. Choiniski, Madison, Wis., returned only recently from Alaska and the Aleutian Islands where it had been stationed for more than two years.

The 209th, a unit of the Kansas National Guard and formerly part of the Second Battalion, 161st Field Artillery regiment, was activated in April 1942, and shortly afterward embarked for Alaska where it was stationed from time to time at Cold Bay, Umanak, Port Heiden and Amchitka Island.

The 209th arrived from Camp Gruber, Okla.

Headquarters battery of the 210th Group and the 664th and 665th battalions came up from Camp Maxey, Tex., where both battalions were activated on February 21st, 1944.



—Pvt. Chas. Cartwright, ASFTG, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Earned Medal of Honor Riordan Was Hell-Cat Soldier

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—
"He thought there was nothing on earth that couldn't be done."

That soldierly epitaph recently was uttered with quiet sincerity by Lt. Clarence E. Spike, platoon leader in a fighting outfit of the 34th "Red Bull" Division on the Fifth Army front in Italy. He was referring to 2nd Lt. Paul F. Riordan, of Kansas City, Mo., who had been awarded posthumously the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor.

At bloody Cassino last February, the 23-year-old Missouri officer, greatly outnumbered, singlehandedly fought Nazi soldiers and before he was killed, shot into oblivion two of the enemy, wounded three and knocked out a machinegun pillbox threatening the lives of his men.

"Lieutenant Riordan came to us just before Cassino, fresh from the States," said Spike. "He picked up battle tactics fast. And he won the respect and admiration of his men even faster. He spent a lot of his off hours with them, and they all considered him a first class 'Joe'."

"The lieutenant was in combat only about three weeks, not long enough to lose his enthusiasm for it. Even so, we did a lot of tough fighting during that period, yet his eagerness for battle never slackened. It often seemed to me that he was trying to fight the war singlehanded, as he did at Cassino."



—Signal Corps Photo

12th U. S. ARMY group covers so much area in France that Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley finds it necessary to use a plane to visit the far-flung fronts. Here, General Bradley and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton are returning from a tour of the Brittany Peninsula. The C-47 plane has space for a jeep.

Smoke Calms Wounded Men

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Tex.—Next to medical care nothing is more welcome to a wounded soldier than an innocent cigarette. This is a conviction brought back from the New Guinea jungle by Capt. Bernard T. Fein, Fort Sam Houston Post Dispensary medic.

"It's true," says Capt. Fein. "Though badly shot up, a GI will want a cool, clean smoke, first. It puts him at ease, seems to make him comfortable. Then, if he can take it, hot tea."

Captain Fein, a native of Milwaukee, landed in New Guinea Thanksgiving Day, 1942, with elements of the 32nd Division. He set up one of the first battalion aid stations on the American offensive line aimed at Buna. His unit, which received a Presidential unit citation, was the last to leave the area.

Overseas Joes To Have More Entertainment

WASHINGTON—An expanded program of entertainment and recreation for the Army overseas was announced this week by Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, director of the Special Services Division of the Army Service Forces.

"The program is being expanded," General Byron said, "because the fighting man who has more time on his hands and who's been keyed up to a pretty high pitch will need recreation."

Many more athletic stars, singers and dancers will be needed to go abroad, General Byron said, adding: "We will take all we can get." A new departure will be an attempt to organize recreation, to get leading baseball, tennis and golf players to go overseas to instruct the men.

The Army has received an appropriation for the increased program and will accumulate a "stockpile" against requisitions from commanders in all theaters of war for athletic and recreational equipment, General Byron said.

Makes Two Jumps

WASHINGTON—After one parachute jump in battle near Salerno, 1st Lt. Val S. Pierson, 24, of Highlands, N. C., was captured, he said on his return from 22 months in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

His next leap was made from a moving train at night near Rome in a successful escape from the Germans.

'Lucky Break' Led to Smashing Of 13 Planes, Other Damage

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, England—"The ol' weatherman was on our side. It was just a lucky break—for us," grinned Lt. Richard M. Dillon, Mustang pilot from Lynchburg, Virginia, in describing the strafing attack which netted this fighter group thirteen planes destroyed on the ground.

Lieutenant Dillon destroyed a Junkers 88 and damaged another

German aircraft to tally his first victory.

This Eighth Fighter Command Mustang group, commanded by Col. William J. (Wild Bill) Cummings, Jr., Lawrence, Kan., penetrated deep into southwestern Germany to attack airfields and communications lines.

"The weather was pretty foul, all the way in," said the lieutenant. "Just as I was thinking we'd have to turn around and go home, we found a tiny break in the overcast—and right under us was an airfield with a lot of Jerry planes parked on it. That's how it started."

In addition to destroying the thirteen enemy aircraft, the Mustangs shot up flak towers, a control tower, hangars, gun emplacements, a locomotive, railroad cars and two tugboats.

This outfit recently soared past the 400-mark in victories to become the third highest-scoring fighter group in the European Theater of Operations.

Three Generals Are Given DSM

WITH THE 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA—For their outstanding leadership of the 37th Infantry Division in South Pacific combat, all three of the division's generals—Brig. Gen. Charles F. Craig, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Breighier and Brig. Gen. Leo M. Kreber—have been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Storks Invasion Disconcerts Dad

BARKSDALE FIELD, La.—The stork arrived a little ahead of the expected time at a home in Shreveport, La., this week, visiting Pfc. and Mrs. Royce Call, and caused some little commotion.

Maj. Joseph Klein, at the Out Patients' Clinic in Station Hospital, received an emergency message from the Call home reporting that the stork seemed to be moving in and that transportation was needed at once.

A little later Call phoned the doctor again, giving him a minute-by-minute report of the invasion. Then for a moment Call was breathless. Finally he shouted: "My gosh, the stork's here. What do I do now, Doc?"

Mrs. Call and the new Call are now resting comfortably in Station Hospital. But the father—"well," Major Kline comments, "we've never lost a father yet."

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Bazookas Give Nazis the Shakes

WITH THE 36TH DIVISION, France—The first question asked by the German prisoners who have been taken on this new front is: "What is that weapon you use that spurts flame from its rear?"

Evidently the German forces fighting in the south are green troops, for they speak in reference to the bazooka, American rocket gun which has made history from Africa to India.

Designed originally as an anti-tank gun, the bazooka has been perfected by front line soldiers to such a point that it can be used effectively against machine gun nest, pillboxes, and even fortified houses. It is handled by a two-man team, loader and gunner. It weighs little more than an ordinary rifle and can be used everywhere. The Germans fear it more than they fear our artillery, and some have referred to it as mobile cannon. One German commander, being fired at by bazookas for the first time, is known to have said, as he surrendered his entire tank column, "When you fire six inch guns at us, it's time to quit."

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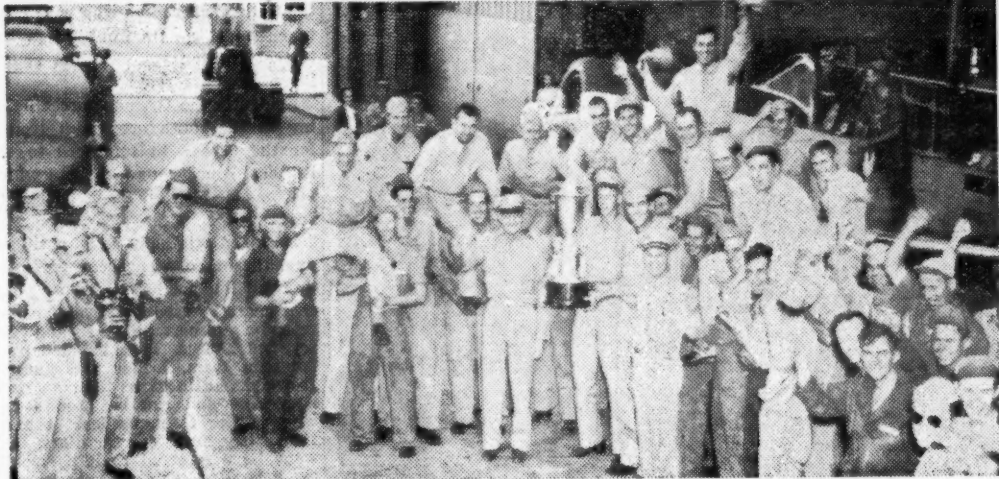
Underdogs May Prove Assassins

5 No-Hitters In One Season

DANIEL FIELD, Ga.—When "Softball Hall of Fame" is established Pvt. Edward A. Stankiewicz, of the Eighth Squadron, is certain of a spot in it.

While the average pitcher would settle for one no-hitter in a lifetime, Stankiewicz has five to his credit this season. He lost but one game this year, this a 1-0 proposition with the lone hit off him coming in the ninth inning after two were out.

Although but 23 years old, Stankiewicz is a veteran of the softball diamond, having been the outstanding star of the famous McKeesport, Pa., semipro, playing against such famous teams as the Chicago (colored) Hottentots, the Detroit Briggs Club and the Rochester Kodaks.



WELCOMED home are the Sherman Field, Kan., "Flyers," winners of National Semi-Pro baseball title at Wichita, in which they won \$9,070 in cash. The band played as the diamond victors were hoisted to the shoulders of their joyous buddies. The Semi-Pro games were scouted by ivory hunters from all the major league teams and quite a few of the players will find themselves with big-loop clubs when the war ends.

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Same Old Story; Brooklyn Loses —But This Time To Fort Warren

WASHINGTON—The Fort Warren (Wyo.) Broncos gave football fans an idea of what to expect of Army elvens this fall by handing the highly favored Brooklyn Tigers of the National Football League a 21-20 beating.

The game resolved itself into a duel between Ken Whitney of the Broncos and Bruiser Kinard of the Tigers with Whitney splitting the uprights one more time than the Tiger tackle.

Brooklyn scored in the first and second. Fort Warren checked the Tigers in the third and then took over the offensive in the fourth to win the game.

The Washington Redskins, with Slinging Sammy Baugh crossing the T, proved too much for the Luckman-less Chicago Bears. Although the Redskins weren't too polished in using the new T-formation they still made the team that made the T famous, look foolish.

The Bears scored in the first quarter but after that it was all a Redskin party. Baugh pitched for two scores in the second and Mike Micka picked up a Bear aerial for the third.

Buckley Gunners Have Major Stars

BUCKLEY FIELD, Colo.—An Army baseball nine with one of the best won and lost records in the West is the Buckley Gunners. The team, coached by Capt. Juan J. Reid, former Colorado College coach, has won 28 of its 39 games.

Numbered among the Buckley stars are Pvt. Danny Murtaugh, former Philly second sacker; Lt. Porter Vaughan, one of Connie Mack's pre-war fingers, and Pvt. Bill Rautsaw, another lefty who tossed for Louisville before becoming the property of the Chicago Cubs.

The new Boston Yanks made some errors and that was all the Green Bay Packers needed to win a 28-0 game. The Packers blocked kicks to set up two touchdowns before they made a first down and paved the way for another score by recovering a fumble.

Don Hutson, who is making his umpteenth comeback, came onto the scene only to kick the extra points.

Although much more interest is being shown in college football this fall than in 1943 there seems to be only three great college teams in the making, Army, Navy and Notre Dame. Just what the other schools except to field won't be known in many cases until the whistles are blown at the kick-off of the first games.

Series Movies To Be Sent To GI Joes Again

CHICAGO—Although it hasn't been determined as yet who will be co-starred with the St. Louis Cardinals, the great drama, "World Series of 1944," will be filmed and shipped overseas to sports-hungry servicemen.

Low Fonseca, American League promotional director, has announced that a crew of 15 cameramen and technicians will shoot thousands of film feet to capture the series which opens October 4 in St. Louis.

On the completion of the series hundreds of prints of the two-reel sound movie will be distributed to the armed forces throughout the world.

The 1943 film has been shown to 3,500,000 servicemen. In addition it has been viewed by 2,000,000 civilian fans.

Nelson Wins Texas Open

DALLAS, Texas—Byron Nelson went birdie hunting and came back with a card full as he won the Texas Victory Open by ten strokes.

Nelson had seven birdies on the last round, five of them on the incoming nine. Jug McSpaden had 286 for second money and Ray Mangrum and Lt. Ben Hogan, Forth Worth Field, were tied for third with 288. Cpl. Earl Stewart, also of the Fort Worth Field, led the amateurs with 290. Nelson's earnings for the summer total \$30,334 in war bonds. McSpaden is also runner-up in the earnings with \$25,200.

Keesler Names Carey Most Valuable Player

KEESLER FIELD, Miss. — The Keesler Field News, official publication of the AAF Training Command station, has selected S/Sgt. John Carey, veteran right-handed pitcher-outfielder from the Brooklyn Dodger chain, as the most valuable player on the highly successful Keeslerite baseball team. Under leadership of Capt. Herman F. Rohrig, the club won 28 and lost 10.

WASHINGTON—The second divisioners—the scorned Indians, White Sox, Athletics and Nats—may swing the pendulum in the American League pennant race.

Should these outfits rise in wrath, play over their heads in the next two weeks and knock some pennant aspirations into cocked hats, they simply will be repeating history. Through the years there have been instances galore where teams completely out of the running have become brilliant because of having nothing to lose, happy in the thought they were acquiring some measure of fame by being giant-killers.

Cut Each Other's Throat

The crucial two weeks of the American season will open Tuesday with the Eastern teams invading the West for the final fortnight's play. While the Yankee Bombers enjoy a slight lead, their first clash is with the second-place Tigers at Detroit, and these three games are naturally all-important.

The Browns are in the key spot, providing they can maintain the pace they have enjoyed at home, and can shake off the jittery brand of ball they've displayed in the last month. The Tigers at home have been terrific and they'll have two full weeks there. If Hal Newhouse and Dizzy Trout stay on edge, then the baseball bettors, who have installed Detroit as the favorites, will be rewarded.

The Yankees, winding up the season on the road, may find the going extremely tough because rival bear down particularly hard against McCarthy's men.

Red Sox Still In It

Cronin's Red Sox, despairing when they lost both Tex Hughson and Bobby Doerr, took renewed hope when they broke even with the Yankees, and some close baseball students figure they may surprise with a sensational stretch run.

Figuring that the intersectional games of the four leaders may materially change the standings of the Yankees, Tigers, Browns and Red Sox, the final picture then may well depend on the games they must play with the second divisioners.

Whatever the outcome, it's the closest wind-up drive in the league's history.

What might well happen in the American League did happen in the International League last Sunday when the Syracuse tail-enders took Newark for both games, depriving the Yankee farm team of a pennant.

Baltimore, breaking even with Jersey City, captured the flag by the margin of .0007. Milwaukee in the American Association and Hartford in the Eastern League breezed home to their pennants, while Nashville copped in the Southern Association by a margin of a full game over Atlanta. The tight battle in the Coast League petered out and Los Angeles now enjoys the safe margin of eight full games over Portland.

Fort Sam Outfit Softball Champs

DALLAS, Texas—Softball champs of the Eighth Service Command were crowned here when a fast-moving team from Fort Sam Houston Reception Center at San Antonio trimmed the Mustangs from McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas, 4 to 2, in the final game of a three-day elimination tourney.



American Railbirds Shy From Russian Pick One-Two System

WASHINGTON—American horse-players are crossing their fingers in hopes that this lend-lease business won't branch out into the field of betting the galloping bang-tails.

It seems the Russians took a page out of our horse-betting books and then added a few improvements, designed no doubt to ease the work of the cashiers. Anyway, the Russian betters have to pick not only the winner of the race, but the place horse as well.

Russian fans are evidently as optimistic as the American improvers-of-the-breed as over 170,000 turned out to watch Berezka win the Russian Derby in Moscow.

Trainers Get A Break
The Russians vary a bit, also, in that they put the wreath of roses around the trainers' shoulders, instead of the gee-gee's necks, and the purse goes into the trainers' jeans instead of into the stable owners' pockets. Other than that the program is about the same with a lot of "I shoulda bet..." chatter around the bars.

Under the Russian plan Aqueduct fans wouldn't have been much further off than they were in picking the winner of the Edgemere Handicap.

It was the old story of weight stopping a freight as Strategic drove through the stretch with his 104 pound feather while First Fiddle bogged down in the drive under his 127-pound impost. Dit finished third. The winner returned the box-car figure, \$49.

Does It Again

When Bonanet won the Walt Whitman Stakes at Garden State, the fans called it an upset. Still believing that neither lightning or outsiders strike twice at the same place, they ignored the two-year-old in the Eastern Shore Handicap at Laurel.

Bonanet drove through the stretch to beat the odd-on favorite, The Doge, and to return a \$10.10 mutual.

He was third choice in the field of five.

Signator, once rated as one of the best sprinters, found a band he could defeat. Charging from far off the pace, he reminded followers of his old speed as he scored by three-quarters of a length over Sivilus. Roman Sox ran third. His former fame was responsible for his favoritism and the resulting \$6.20 mutual.

Despite Signator's win, the Hawthorne fans went home talking about

Sheridan Comets Open Grid Season

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—A nine-game schedule with some of the best grid teams in the nation is officially announced for the Fort Sheridan football team by Maj. George P. Kreider, Special Service Officer.

Here's the Comet schedule:
Sept. 23—Great Lakes, there
Sept. 29—Northwestern, at Evanston*
Sept. 30—Iowa Pre-flight, at Iowa City
Oct. 7—Lawrence College, at Appleton, Wis.
Oct. 14—Bunker Hill, here
Oct. 21—Marquette, at Milwaukee*
Oct. 28—Camp Ellis, here (tentative)
Nov. 5—Lincoln AAF, at Lincoln, Neb.
Nov. 11—Open
*Indicates night games.

1100 Enjoy Sports At Keesler Field

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—An estimated total of some 1100 trainees currently are participating in Keesler Field's vast intra-post sports program, in addition to assigned personnel on post teams.

The breakdown: Baseball—13 teams—200 men; Softball—42 teams, including officers—645 men; Volleyball—32 teams—256 men. These figures include only organized leagues at this AAF Training Command station.

Lake Trips, Golf And Fishing Speed Oliver Reconditioning

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Reconditioning patients of the Oliver General Hospital are now spending every Thursday at Lake Asauga in near-by South Carolina. All summer on the lake shores the patients have worked out their calisthenics, swum and ate fried chicken. The boys say the

lake swim improves their morale as well as their condition.

Notification was received last week by the commanding officer of the Oliver General that a swimming pool had been authorized. The new pool will measure 60 feet by 100 feet, and will be enclosed, with heating facilities.

The director of plans and operations for the ASF announced that the Augusta hospital was one of nine general hospitals which would have swimming facilities.

Patients of the Oliver General have their own softball team and won the first half of the intramural league recently ended. Numbers of them may be seen daily on the picturesque golf course located on the hospital grounds. Casts on legs and even crutches don't deter them from their daily round of golf.

Some patients even manage to get in a little fishing. Citizens of Augusta presented tackle and corks and other such equipment.

Branca Pitches 'No-No' Game

HENDRICKS FIELD, Fla.—Pfc. Johnny Branca, brother of Ralph Branca, the 18-year-old relief hurler for the Brooklyn Dodgers, bowed out of the Hendricks sports picture with a no-hit, no-run performance against Section B last week. Pitching for the strong Group 4 nine which copped the first half title in the Intramural Baseball League, Branca struck out 12-batsmen while his mates scored seven runs. A mechanic, Branca has departed for another station.

OGDEN, Utah—Broadcasting of latest news events hot off the wires of United Press and Associated Press in a special service feature started recently at the Utah ASF Depot for troops assigned to Service Command Unit 1938.

the daily double, \$1472.80, that resulted from the win of Long Ago at \$20.60 and Sun Sport, \$174. Thirty cashed tickets with one man approaching the window with a \$10 pasteboard in his sweaty hand.

The closing day crowd at Garden State had the pleasure of watching Good Morning and Mrs. Ames stage a head-to-head run throughout the mile and a sixteenth of the Vineyard Handicap, with Good Morning scoring by a lip. Donitas First was third. The winner returned a short \$3.60.

Texas Sandman turned the tables on the horses which have been beating him recently and scored over Paperboy and Castleman at Narragansett Park. The winner returned \$8.20.

Santa Anita, the first track to be shut down after Pearl Harbor, will reopen December 30 for a fifty-five day session. The track has been used as an internment center and a war plant. Five days of the session will be donated to war relief.

Power System Benning Plan

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Lack of many experienced players precluding the speedy development of the precision which an offense based on deception requires, Benning Raiders this season will use a system based on power rather than deception, according to Coaches Gene Myers and Bob Ratliff.

Sixty candidates are undergoing rigorous training.

The Raider schedule is announced as follows:

Sept. 30—Carson - Newman College (here)
Oct. 17—Alabama Poly (Auburn) (away).
Oct. 18—3rd Infantry (here).
Oct. 20—Louisiana Tech (away).
Oct. 29—Keesler Field 3 p.m.
Nov. 5—Miami Naval Training Station (away).
Nov. 11—Newberry College (home).
Nov. 18—Jacksonville Air Station (away).
Nov. 26—Miami Naval Training Station (home).
Dec. 3—3rd Infantry

Book Notes

When I Come Back

By Frank R. Adams. (Robt. M. McBride & Co., New York. \$2.50.)

Hang on tight to this story for it is so light, it may blow right out of your hands.

A beautiful divorcee and radio singer is mainly concerned with keeping her 17-year-old son out of the Army. He makes friends with the recruiting sergeant who turns out to be his father, a World War 1 hero.

Other characters are the local big shot, a self-made man in the great American tradition, humbly in love with the divorcee, his hilariously outspoken grandmother and wayward sailor son; the town drunk, his meek little French wife and voluptuous daughter; a Quaker brother and sister who delight in modern adaptations of their language: "Watch thy set, thou two-hundred-pound lunk."

A train wreck serves to untangle all the threads, harms nobody permanently, and brings the story to a happy ending with wedding bells.

Co. B Wins Field Meet at Jackson

FORT JACKSON, S. C.—Over 600 GIs of the Special Training Unit at Fort Jackson participated in a gala Field Meet at the post one day this week as nine athletic events composed the mass competition. Company B walked away with top honors when the judges tallies were in, with a score of 47 points to their credit.

Fighting right down to the final event and offering stiff competition to the winners was Company C, scoring 43½ points and nosing out by an eyelash Companies A and F, which were deadlocked in third place with 43 points each.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

While returning home from furlough, T/5 Leonard E. Charette, of CAMP VAN DORN, Miss., changing buses, picked up a brown hand bag which looked like his and brought it all the way to camp. When Charette opened it, he found—one quart of whiskey; one five-pound salami, strong and flavorful; five onions, each as big as a double fist; one loaf of bread, and a sack containing 150 Lincoln head pennies. The bag which the unlucky picnicker received contained two pairs of khaki pants, two pairs of GI underwear and one khaki tie. Charette will return the pennies, but he and his pals feasted on the lunch "as it would have spoiled."

Along with his Form 20 and Service Record, every Air Base Cadet fills out a Public Relations Form which says that "If you raised the biggest pumpkin in Happy Hollow, Indiana, say so. AC Roland Jang, of AAFB, NEW HAVEN, Conn., filling the Form stated simply: "Yours truly led a very non-exciting life. Went through high school as an average student, and came in the Army as an average soldier. Hope to get out as an average civilian. Have very great hope for the human race. Hate publicity."

"A rag, a bone and a hunk of kinky hair" is the modification Capt. Robert N. Creamer, Post Exchange Officer at SPOKANE AIR FIELD, Wash., is contemplating on Rudyard Kipling's description of gals. Plans are in the offing for establishing a beauty salon on the field for the use of WAC officers and enlisted women, nurses, wives of officers and enlisted men and civilian girls.

Knocked out of choice "dates" because a columnist in "The Alert" referred to him as a married man, Pfc. John J. (Slim) Kaderbeck, FORT MAC ARTHUR, Calif., is "threatening" legal action to reestablish himself in the good graces of

fair damsels as an eligible bachelor. Sgt. Benjamin Wolfe, legal genius, in the filed complaint, asks damages for Kaderbeck in the sum of \$50,000 credit or ten cents cash, and that in lieu thereof, defendants be compelled to secure dates for plaintiff.

The most logical thing that ever happened to Sgt. Salvatore Messina, supply sergeant at SPENCER FIELD, Ga., occurred recently. An aviation trainee entered the supply room and asked for "sickles." Getting two yardbird specials, the trainee was leaving when the sergeant halted him, shouting: "Hey, you gotta sign for those sickles; what's your name?" The trainee turned, and with great dignity announced: "Pvt. Robert Van Sickles."

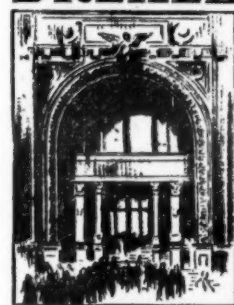
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Thick Sting Ray Steaks Are Okay

ORLANDO, Fla.—A colonel's eyes widened a little as he came to one plate in the meat course of a meal at the AAF Tactical Center, last week.

He had tasted rattlesnake steak before. He didn't mind that. The alligator steak tasted better than he had expected. Even the shark steak was superior to some fish he had eaten.

But now, a large platter of sting ray steaks lay before him. He took an experimental nip from a large piece of white meat. It wasn't bad. In fact, it was a lot like sword fish, which is considered a delicacy by many sea food lovers.

"Well, what will the Army think of next," the colonel muttered.

Actually, the Army hadn't thought of the sting ray steak . . . or the alligator or shark. Probably many starving men lost in tropical areas had eaten these meats before. And at the AAF Tactical Center, this array of unusual food is part of the meal served to students of the jungle survival class.

It's part of the doctrine of survival which points out that any-

thing that can be trapped, caught or killed can be eaten. There are exceptions, of course, but these are carefully pointed out.

A sting ray steak may not be a

Look for Classic When Raiders And Cockades Hook Up

FORT BENNING, Ga.—The famed Infantry School here will launch a two-pronged attack in southeastern service gridiron circles this fall with two powerful elevens representing the home of "The Queen of Battle."

The 3rd Infantry Cockades, coached by Capt. Charles Ziogas, former line tutor at Coe College in Iowa, will play an all-service schedule of eight clubs, including some of the best in the sector.

The other will be the 4th Infantry Red Raiders, many of them battle veterans of the Aleutian Campaign, who will tackle an ambitious 10-game schedule, including four collegiate opponents. Capt. Gene Myers, ex-Kentucky frosh coach, heads the 4th Infantry mentors.

Highlight of the entire campaign for the thousands of troops at the post, of course, will be the two all-Benning tilts when the Cockades and Raiders battle each other for the Infantry School Championship.

The first of these intra-mural clashes will take place on October 15 in Doughboy Stadium, a large concrete structure here which seats upwards of 18,000. Both elevens will close their campaigns on December 3 when they oppose one another for a second time in the same stadium.

new contribution to an American menu, but it can save the life of an American airman forced down in an uninhabited, tropical area.

Caught off the Atlantic coast of Florida, the sting ray consumed by the last jungle survival class weighed more than 150 pounds, was four feet across and provided more than sixty pounds of thick, white steaks.

Students are reminded that most fish and game are equipped with defensive weapons. In the case of the ray, an eight-inch, hard barb is found near the end of a long, lash-like tail. A vicious whip of this tail will drive the spike right through a man's leg. But the food value of the sting ray far exceeds the danger involved in its capture. With just a little care, the dangerous tail can be avoided.

Ellis Again Wins Title for Boxing

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—Winner of the Sixth Service Command boxing championship, the Camp Ellis team that fought its way to national recognition was awarded the Command trophy in Chicago. Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, commanding general, Sixth Service Command, presented the trophy to Col. John S. Sullivan, commander of Camp Ellis.

Camp Ellis captured the Command boxing championship with an undefeated record. In six matches, they won five and tied one, the second year Ellis has dominated boxing in this service command.

Last year, they were crowned "unofficial" Army champions by the Army Times.

Field Sports To Mark 786th Organization Day

FORT SILL, Okla.—The 786th Tank Battalion of the Field Artillery School troops will observe its organization day Sept. 21 with a complete sports program, including a field day and a baseball game between the enlisted men's team and the officers.

Activated at Camp Chaffee, Ark., on Sept. 20, 1943, where it was a unit of the 14th Armored Division the 786th has been under the com-

mand of Lt. Col. William E. Skinner since its origin. The 786th has been at Fort Sill since March, 1944.

Because of the training schedule which fall on its first anniversary, the 786th will observe Organization Day on the following day.

The entire battalion will participate in track and field events in the morning, with suitable prizes going to the winners of the various contests.

In the afternoon, the officers will be pitted against the enlisted men's nine at Butler Field. Sgt. Elwood "Dinty" Moore, post strikeout champion, with 161 in 76 2/3 innings will do the hurling for the enlisted men.

The officers' team, a strong combination, will be led by Maj. Charles F. Ryan, executive officer, who was a first baseman with the Toledo Mud Hens and Toronto Maple Leafs in the late 20's.

Wacs Target For Krauts in Africa

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Lt. Alice M. Elberg, of Chicago, is going overseas again—one of the first in the Women's Army Corps to go overseas a second time in this war.

A veteran of 10 months duty in the North African theater, where she was with the first contingent to arrive in February, 1943, Lieutenant Elberg was mess officer of the WAC Detachment here. She has left for Fort Ogilthorpe, Ga., where she will be given a brush-up course given all officers about to go overseas.

In North Africa, Lieutenant Elberg, then a staff sergeant, was assigned to Allied Headquarters in Algiers and worked with the Allied Military Government office and officers of the British Eighth Army.

"The Wac barracks were a favorite target of machine-guns in low-flying Nazi planes," the lieutenant related. "However, Wacs overseas believe they lead charmed lives since no one ever was hit."

Sought Revenge

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—In an ASFTO supply room a trainee was giving an officer a haircut.

The soldier was a former professional barber.

The officer was a former dentist—now in the Dental Corps.

When the job was finished, the officer peered into a mirror and noted the damage. It was enough to make Gabriel Heatter scream. The lieutenant turned to the trainee.

"Now you sit down," he said, "I want to look at your teeth!"

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB. TP.
New York	76	61	.555	17
Detroit	75	61	.551	1/2 17
St. Louis	75	62	.547	1 17
Boston	73	64	.533	3 17
Cleveland	65	72	.474	11 17
Philadelphia	64	75	.460	13 17
Chicago	63	74	.460	13 17
Washington	58	80	.420	18 1/2 16

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
St. Louis	95	57	.625	
Pittsburgh	77	54	.588	17 1/2
Cincinnati	73	57	.562	20
Chicago	60	70	.462	34
New York	61	72	.459	34 1/2
Boston	55	79	.410	41
Brooklyn	55	80	.407	41 1/2
Philadelphia	52	79	.397	42 1/2

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE (Final Standings)				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
Baltimore	84	68	.5526	
Newark	85	69	.5519	
Toronto	79	74	.516	
Buffalo	78	76	.506	
Spring City	79	75	.514	
Montreal	73	80	.477	
Rochester	71	82	.464	
Syracuse	68	84	.447	

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (Final Standings)				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
Milwaukee	102	51	.667	
Toledo	95	58	.621	
Louisville	85	63	.574	
St. Paul	85	66	.563	
Columbus	86	67	.562	
Indianapolis	57	93	.380	
Minneapolis	54	97	.358	
Kansas City	41	110	.272	

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
Los Angeles	98	68	.578	
Portland	85	76	.528	
San Francisco	82	79	.509	
Seattle	82	79	.509	
Oakland	80	81	.497	
Hollywood	79	83	.488	
Sacramento	73	89	.451	
San Diego	71	90	.441	

EASTERN LEAGUE (Final Standings)				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
Hartford	99	58	.723	
Albany	91	47	.659	
Utica	69	69	.500	
Binghamton	64	71	.474	
Williamsport	54	75	.420	
Elmira	58	80	.420	
Saratoga	56	83	.403	
Wilkes-Barre	51	89	.364	

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION (Final Standings)				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
Nashville	47	25	.653	
Atlanta	45	25	.643	
Memphis	43	28	.607	
New Orleans	38	39	.494	
Mobile	32	38	.457	
Little Rock	26	41	.388	
Birmingham	27	43	.386	
Chattanooga	29	47	.382	

Private Van Dorn

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—WELL, GEORGE, LOOKS LIKE THE WAR IS ABOUT OVER—WE MIGHT AS WELL TURN IN OUR STUFF—



Robbie, 99th Infantry Division, Camp Maxey, Tex

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WITH THE AMERICAN DIVISION, Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific — A deep nostalgia and sharper appreciation for the people and environment at home, which they used to take for granted, key-noted letters submitted by veteran infantrymen to a regimental contest on the subject: "What I Want to Find Unchanged When I Get Home." Though deep in enemy jungles, hundreds of GIs scratched out entries in the letter contest.

They want to find their wives, sweethearts, folks, homes, and jobs as they have remembered them so acutely through months of living in Jap-infested jungles.

Numerous soldiers spoke of deep love for their wives and felt they could face any other problems if there was no change in the atmosphere of their homes.

Almost an equal number hoped to find their old friends and neighbors still as easy to live with as before.

Equal Opportunity

Most all desired to find their old work waiting, or an equal chance to make a way for themselves.

Some recalled the drug store on the corner, their friends and old pastimes, but none of those queried seemed intent on sweeping social changes or world problems in a postwar world.

Said prize winner Cpl. Ralph W. Perry, Sables, N. D., veteran of Guadalcanal and Bougainville:

"I want to start in just where I left off, being a plain, ordinary citizen of the United States. Some may want Uncle Sam to support him the rest of his life, but I just want that old thing they call free opportunity for all."

Wrote Pfc. Emile V. Perreault, Providence, R. I.:



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Keep Faith Unchanged

Added self-styled poet-philosopher Pfc. Wendell Wilson, Lenox, Ia.:

"I want to find man and woman close to truth, not changed into universal weaklings by unusual power or wartime prosperity. I want to keep my faith in mankind unchanged."

Pvt. Arno Reifenberg, San Fran-

cisco, added his simple plea to the future:

"I just want to walk right in the old drug store on the corner and talk to my girl friend there. Gee, I wish she'd be behind the counter when I get back."

The letters stressed, as was to be expected with these men who are daily in Jap-held areas, a unanimous mental starvation for a peaceful life. A desire for rest and return to normalcy without being bothered with major problems seemed to characterize the letters.

Pooch 'Fala' Under Guard

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Perish the thought that Hitler's army chiefs are heartless! Their high sentimentality was shown in a captured order, addressed to Nazi soldiers in eastern France, advising them against committing suicide. Self-destruction in time of war, it was stressed, is considered an act of destruction. The order disclosed that a number of officers and non-coms had recently taken "the easy way out."

The boys of the Special Service Office staff at Camp Stoneman, Calif., laughed when Lt. Larry Rothman wagered it was hot enough to fry eggs on the sidewalk. They didn't laugh for long, for when he broke an egg on the sidewalk it immediately started to sizzle and fry, and in a few minutes there it was, sunnyside up, ready to serve.

The V-Day customer in Thomas Console's barber chair in Boston will have to join the celebrators "as is." Patrons have been fairly warned by his sign: "You sit in the chair at your risk. Soon as victory bells ring I'll drop my tools, whether you're half shaved or half hair cut."

No problem is so difficult but that it can be solved, is the contention of a Lewiston, Idaho, man. Told by a restaurant waitress that she could not give him a few slices of cheese to take home because all of it was needed for sandwiches, he ordered two cheese sandwiches—untoasted and without bread. He got them.

It was "old home week" for Lt. Eunella M. Lunkwitz, former Camp Breckinridge, Ky., Post Hospital nurse, in England recently. Three days after arrival, she ran into her soldier-husband whom she hadn't seen for two years.

Reporting 10 minutes late as a new student at Colgate College, N. Y., Joe Wilson, Jr., Radarman 2/c was reminded by Lt. Arthur Mooney of the necessity for punctuality. "I think I've done right

well," Radarman Wilson said. "You see, Sir, I was in Africa yesterday."

Old Sol certainly played a dirty trick on two youngsters at Grand Island, Neb. With the mercury in the high 90s, the boys doffed their clothes and went swimming in a near-by waterhole. One had placed his glasses on top of the clothes, and the sun, shining through the spectacles, set them afire. Boys went home in their bathing suits.

Wheel of justice spun rapidly in a Cleveland court when Julia, 15-year-old brown monkey, property of Carmen Armenti, hurdy-gurdy man, appeared charged with biting a woman. Public Safety Director Frank D. Celebrezze opened Julia's mouth. She was toothless.

Male finger-wavers and wielders of the razor and shear are passee in Germany. Need for war industry manpower is so great that German authorities have forbidden men from employment as barbers and hairdressers and, henceforth, women only will operate tonsorial parlors and beauty salons.

A Georgia boy drawing his way through a bunk-fatigue conversation on the progress of the war moodily retorted to an assertion that the European war was almost finished: "Yea man, but hell after we take Europe we still gotta capture Germany."

There was good reason for Peter William Holly, Jr., aged 18, to be slightly bored when he went through the Philadelphia induction center. Holly's fellow who, at 16, falsified his age two years ago, saw action with an anti-aircraft outfit in some of the hardest fighting of the North African campaign, and was discharged last October when his parents revealed his true age. A real soldier, Holly re-registered and was called up when he became 18. Says he won't mind taking basic training again—"It'll be like a refresher course."

Pix Man Misses Prize Shot

WITH THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION, Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific—Lt. Milton C. Shedd, Hollywood, Calif., amateur photographer, missed the pictures of the year because his camera was too valuable.

While moving toward an enemy position Lieutenant Shedd hid his camera in order that it might not be damaged. A few moments later the Americans saw the Japs unsuspectingly playing cards and preparing a meal.

For 15 minutes the patrol watched the Nips while their agonized lieutenant wished fervently for the camera he didn't have. When everyone was in position, the leader threw a hand grenade. The entire Nip garrison was annihilated.

"What a before-and-after shot that

would have made," was all the unhappy camera bug could say.

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Battle of Germany

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pockets from Belford Gap to 125 miles westward. Fifth Army patrols have pushed substantially into the Gothic line. Nazi commander Kesselring faces the choice of having his army in Italy obliterated, or trying to get his men back into Germany in any way possible.

Russian armies in the North are closing in on East Prussia around Lomza, the central defense point of the region. Violent Red attacks have been made during the week on the suburbs of Warsaw, which still holds out, though Polish forces fighting in house-to-house engagements, are gaining ground from the Germans still in the city.

Philippines Hit

The first sea-based action against the Philippines occurred last Friday when an American carrier force blasted five airfields and wiped out 68 Jap planes in Raids on Mindanao. New air attacks were made during the week on Paramushiro and the Volcano Islands in the Central Pacific.

In China strong Japanese forces driving down the Hunan-Kwangshai railroad crossed into Kwangshai province and have reached the city of Chankien. Another Jap force has captured Wenchow, on the Chinese coast, in the province of Chekiang.

Longer Job Option

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an employee, but is intended to protect "a position in the employ of an employer," and that Dr. Kay held such a position.

As to the company's contention that there would be "loss of efficiency" and "additional expense" if separate doctors were employed by the company and the employees' association, Judge Kirkpatrick said, that if such a claim were upheld it "would defeat the main purpose of the act and limit its operation to merely capricious or arbitrary rulings."

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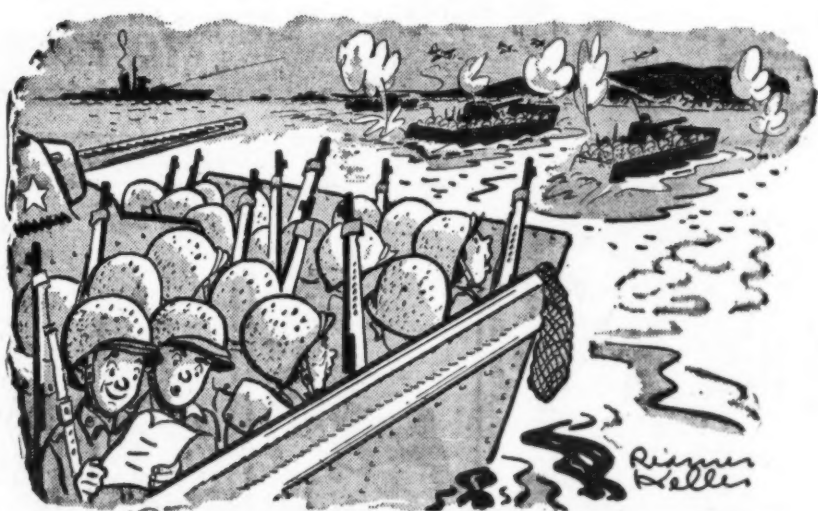
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To his corporal—target for hard labor;
To his girl—a hero;
To his family—a shining example of a soldier.

Howlegs are few and far between.

A bather whose clothing was strewed
By winds that left her quite nude
Saw a man come along
And unless we are wrong
You expected this line to be lewd.

A wallflower is a gal who wears
a sweater to keep warm.

This being the first time I have
ever been a judge at a beauty
contest do you mind if I feel my
way around?

Virginia had a little quart
Of cider, hard as steel;
And everywhere that she went 'twas
sport
To see Virginia reel.

When a gal tells a soldier she's
a perfect 36, she expects him to
grasp what she's talking about
quickly.

They sat on the porch at midnight,
But her love was not to his taste,
His reach was 36 inches,
And she had a 44 waist.

Latest wolf song:
"I'll Be Seizing You in All the
Familiar Places."

Theirs was a football romance—
each was waiting for the other to
kick off.

There was a young fellow McMurth
Who was born on the day of his
birth;
He was married they say
On his wife's wedding day
And died on his last day on earth.

After all a gold digger is only a
woman after all.

Joe says he doesn't know much
about women—only what he has
picked up!

Ode to a private secretary:
She has an ermine coat and a for-
eign car,
A 10-room flat with a built-in bar,
She does it all on thirty per;
Believe it or not, it's the truth,
dear sir,
Yet five years back, some teaching
Rick
Flunked this gal in arithmetic.

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Cpl. Dean "Doc" Davis, Sheppard Field, Tex.

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Soldier Shows

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."
General John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on Soldier Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you will find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

WEEKLY HILARITY

CALIFORNIA—Every Thursday evening finds thousands of GIs packed into the Outdoor Theater at a camp in California, there to be regaled by a regular weekly variety show and community sing known as the "Hit Kit Session." The show gets its name from the fact that much of its good fun comes from the lusty group vocalizing of popular tunes selected from the current "Hit Kit" lists. Sandwiched in between the sings (which employ a movie screen upon which the lyrics are projected) are specialty acts of every type; tap dancers, instrumental trios, monologists, erstwhile burlesque comics in hilarious black-outs and sketches, etc. A highlight of these weekly sessions has been the presentation of a WAC Glee Club, a sterling organization that features special choral arrangements of "Hit Kit" tunes—plus extra-special renditions of such ambitious numbers as "Holiday For Strings." The producers of these "Hit Kit Sessions" are a mighty versatile and energetic lot. They keep the talent fresh and varied for each weekly show by combing the camp for new faces and acts—they even unearth talent by going through their GI audiences with a "roving mike," interviewing and signing up any lads or lassies who would like to show their wares on future "Sessions." Orchids to the producers for an entertainment program that strikes us as being worthy of emulation by other posts throughout the land.

RANDOM HARVEST

GREENLAND—A racy revue, "Glacier Happy," has completed a run of eleven nights in the Gay Nineties Music Hall at APO 858, and, like its predecessor, "Kee-Bird Kapers" will tour throughout the Greenland theater. The Gay Nineties Music Hall, with fifty new tables taking the place of the mess tables formerly used, is notable for its very close approximation of the appearance and atmosphere of an old 1890 cabaret. It's a perfect setting for shows of all types, particularly the old-fashioned melodrama.

ALASKA—From another glacial theatre comes word of a mighty interesting project destined to uncover a great deal of dormant entertainment personnel and material. It's a talent contest to which each post in Alaska and the Aleutians sent a representative (or representatives, in the case of a dance duo, vocal trio, or other team). For one full month each post conducted an elimination contest to determine just which talented GIs would be sent to APO 880 for the finals. The reward for the winner, or winners, of the finals was a week's furlough strictly on the cuff at McKinley Park. Vacation over, the finalists (including all the post winners) were to be rehearsed as a unit in a show entitled, the "All Alaska Revue" and dispatched on a tour of all installations in the Alaskan-Aleutians command.

Credits Training For Combat Luck

WASHINGTON—Lucky is the word for it, says Cpl. James C. Roberts, of Hardinsburg, Ky., of his 20 months overseas as a rifleman in the assault section of the 1st Infantry Ranger Battalion.

"I'm lucky because I spent 14 months in combat, including 73 days in the frontlines at Anzio without getting a scratch," the veteran doughboy declared. "Rugged Ranger training and excellent weapons are responsible, too, for keeping me out of trouble," he said.

Cpl. Roberts, home on furlough, was a member of the old 66th Infantry, Regular Army, for five years at Ft. George G. Meade, Md., before he volunteered for the Rangers.



THOUSANDS of admirers have given the title "Miss Manhattan Cover Girl" to songstress Dale Belmont. There is little more to say.

Class 1-A and New 18s Will Supply Service Needs

WASHINGTON—The needs of the armed forces for the remainder of 1944 can be more than supplied by men already in class 1-A and new 18-year-olds, it was announced by

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hersey, draft director, this week.

General Hersey said 690,000 physically able men would be available from these sources, as against the estimated needs of 600,000.

In a letter to all draft board members, giving the supply and demand outline up to January 1 next, he stated that class 1-A, as it stood on July 1st, was furnishing by far the bulk of "available." From that group, after allowing for rejections and deferments, men are expected to be available in this proportion: 18-25 age group, 345,000; 26-29 age group, 80,000; 30-37 age group, 55,000.

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